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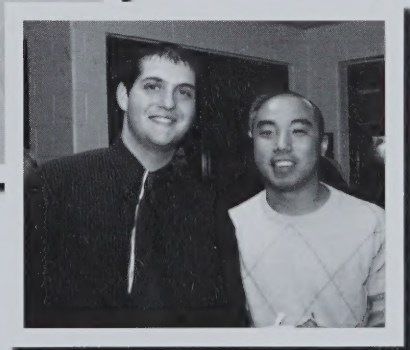
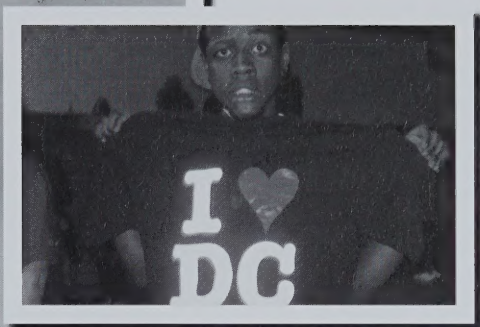
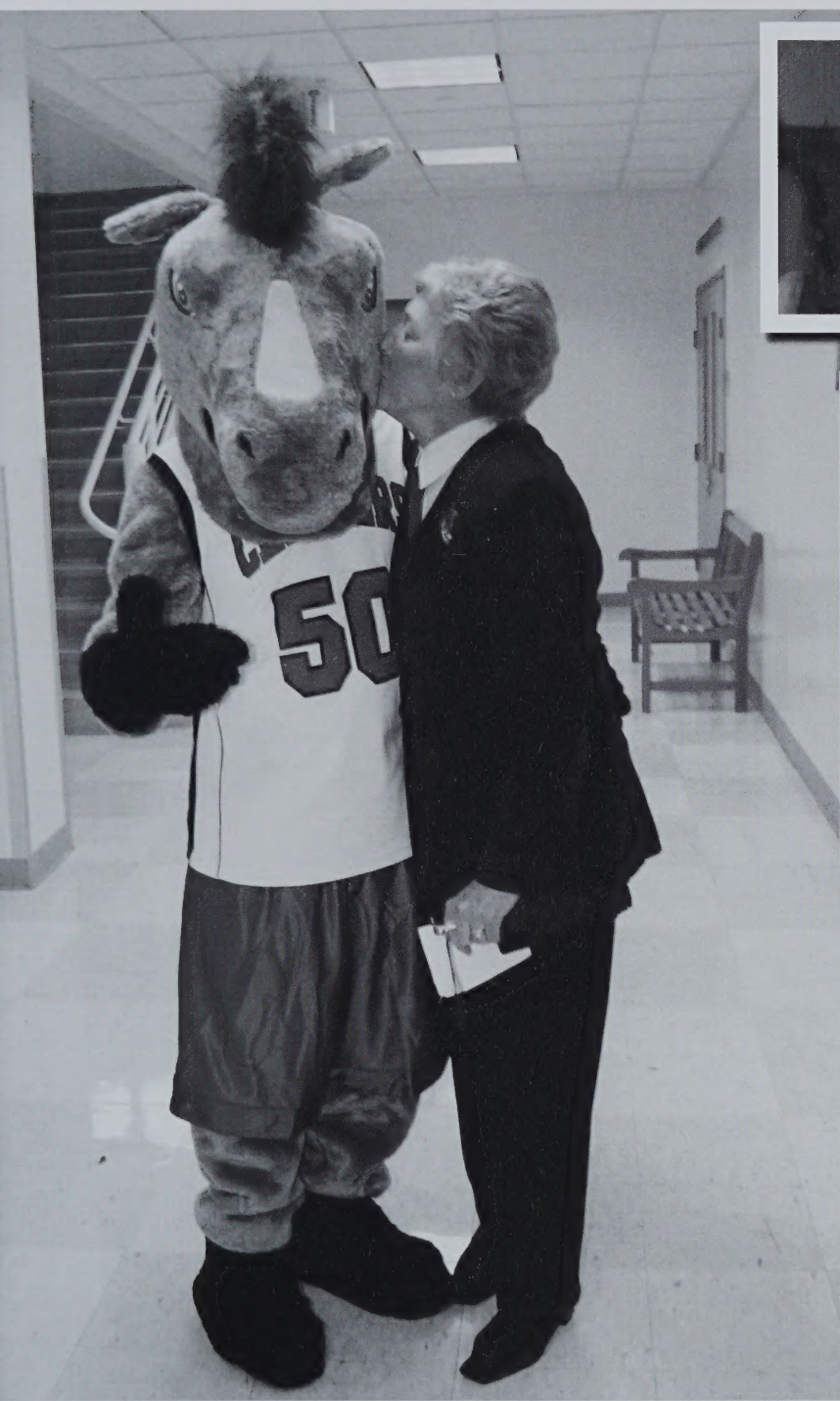


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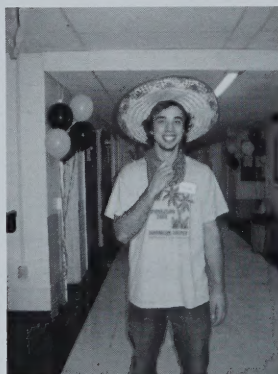
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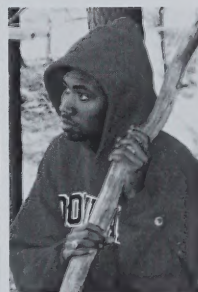
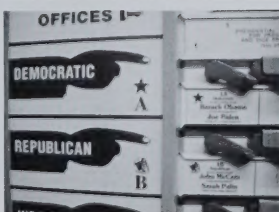
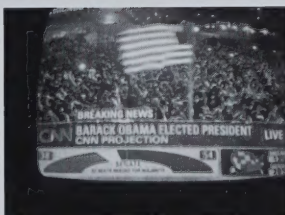
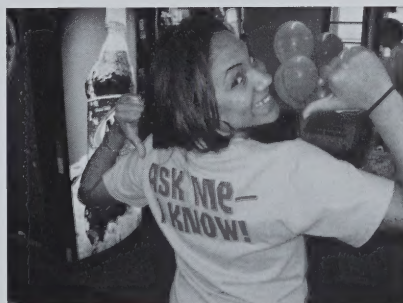
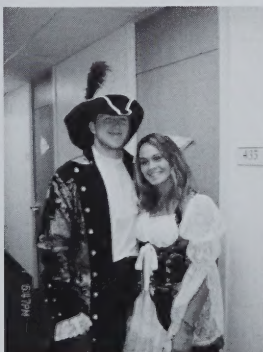
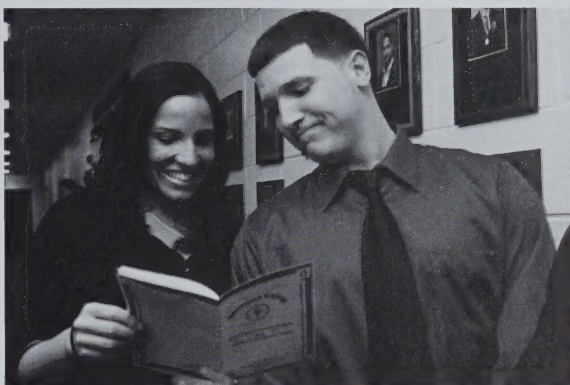
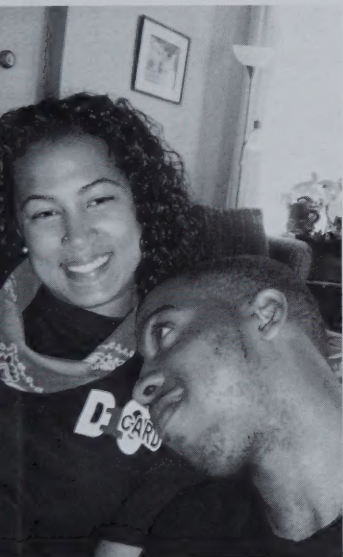


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Capture the Moment

There is an old saying that goes: "A picture's worth a thousand words." In a world that has seen so much change in the past year; at the dawn of the era of Twitter and Facebook and instant messaging, capturing the moment has taken on a whole new meaning. Photos mark a moment in time of who you were then. They encapsulate the emotions, the memories, the moments that seemed important as well as the silly and mundane times of our lives. This yearbook strives to capture the moments which marked a year in the life of our Dominican College community. Remember the good times and enjoy!





Freshman Orientation

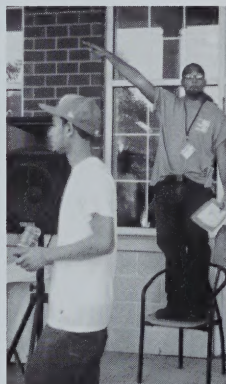
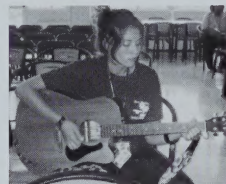
" Going away to college is nerve racking enough, but going to school 1,400 miles away from home is even more nerve racking. When I was on my way to Dominican College to start my freshman year, I couldn't wait to get here. that's all I thought about during that endless drive.

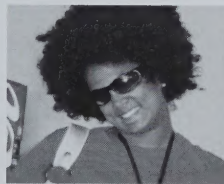
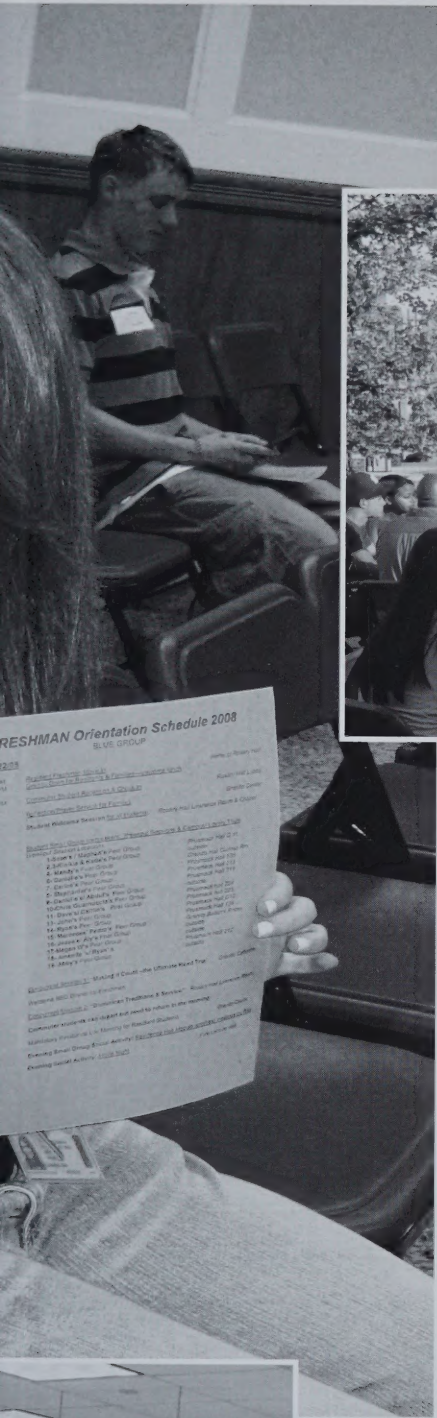
Then, when I got here on campus, the reality set in that this was gonna be my home away from home. It was a weird feeling to know i had finally arrived.

As soon as I was done moving my stuff in, I was ready to take a nap, but the Orientation Staff had a different plan for me and got me up and involved right away.

That day was just the beginning of an exciting weekend of meeting new people and doing activities around campus. It was a time where i realized that I wasn't the only one who was nervous but the every freshman there was nervous. But after doing all the activities and eating together I really got a chance to meet everyone and become friends with new people. It really feels like home now and I couldn't imagine being anywhere else. "

-Thomas DeSantis (pictured right)





My experience as a peer mentor began when I was in the cafeteria in Casey Hall and a card was hand delivered to me that said "Congrats--you did it! You're a Peer Mentor". The moment brought tears to my eyes because I wanted to be one so badly. As I opened the musical card. I looked up and saw many of the peers waiting to see my reaction, ready to welcome me on the team. It played 'Don't worry, Be happy.' That was the start of my life completely changing. As my first year began, I learned many things about myself, how much people really cared about me and others. I was able to learn from my weaknesses as well as my strengths. The process of growing as person really began for me when they offered me the opportunity to help others as a peer mentor.

When it came time for my first Freshman Orientation, everyone expected me to be bold and confident because I am usually that way. We had been training all summer to get ready for the big day, but I was so nervous to call up my freshman group. It was a shock for the rest of the staff to see me be shaking in my shoes! I was incredibly nervous. I was afraid my mentees were not going to like me and I was going to come on too strong. The peer team helped me work on that and I did great with my group.

I still had a lot of growing to do. I made up my mind that I wanted to change for the better. I wanted to make many things happen in my last year at DC. When it came to my second year, I already had my head in the game. I was still nervous to call up my group of mentees for the first time, but this time around I felt ready to teach them many things and help them with their transition from high school to college. I was determined to give my best to being a peer mentor and to understand that I was a role model to all the first year students who were all looking up to me. I got very involved in campus life and helped organize many events for my students. I took my responsibilities as a veteran peer mentor very seriously and put my whole heart into it. I got as much out of it as I put into it. Hearing from my freshmen that I made a difference really helped me understand the impact you can have in someone else's life when you are open to it. You have to let your guard down and let people in even though it can be scary.

My experiences as a peer mentor captured many important moments in my life. It helped me grow as a person physically, mentally, emotionally and even spiritually. I can say Denise DellaPorta, Christie Cruse, and the support of the whole peer team made a huge difference in my life. I learned so many things that I will take with me for the rest of my life and teach my son as he grows. The peer mentor program was an honor for me to be a part of. I changed in many ways to become a great mother, wife, and professional woman. Thank you Peer Mentors !!

--Mercedes Pedro-Cabral





**"It's really not
about the Hula Hoop."**

Peer Mentors



Q

Stephanie (pictured far left with Caitlin McCue and other Peer Mentors), the Peer Mentors always seems like such a close knit group. How do you make it happen?

A

"We have a saying: 'Teamwork makes the dream work...but it depends on the team.' We are committed to being a team--to working together and trying to work through any challenges we have, but every group and every year is different."



Q

Mercedes (pictured left with Aly Buitrago), what would it surprise people to know about you?

A

"I can give off a first impression that I am really rough and bossy, but in the peer group, people call me 'Jellybean' because even though I look tough on the outside, I am really soft on the inside, it's a secret nickname!"



Q

Katie (pictured left with Jesse Peterson), the Peers Mentors spend a lot of time training and getting ready for their leadership role. What was that like?

A

We do all these crazy things from being suspended in the air to problem solving with hula hoops. It seems nuts and it pushes your fears and challenges you. But it's not about that stuff. It's not about the hula hoop. It's about learning to ask for help and trust each other and work together toward a goal."







Capture the Love at
Family Day



Spectacular
Sights at
Fire
in the
Sky





In the Presence
of Royalty
Homecoming
2008





"As a little girl I was always very shy. I wasn't a fan of the attention and buried my face into Mommy's back when people complimented my eyes. I was just never interested in being under the spotlight because I never felt I had a reason to. When I started school as a freshmen, at first I was extremely afraid because, for the most part, I kept very much to myself. Meeting new people is always a stretch for me; it took me a while to find myself here and be comfortable. In December of '08 I remember running to work when I got a text message from someone saying 'Mandy u were nominated for Homecoming Queen'. I didn't take it seriously because I didn't ask a soul to nominate me. It didn't seem possible to me. When the members of RSA confirmed it that it was true, I must admit, it felt pretty good know people had noticed the 'quiet,, very tall girl! Simply being nominated really touched my heart. It didn't really hit me until it got closer to homecoming what it all would mean.

Finally the big night came, homecoming night! I was even more excited because the same person who told me I was nominated was actually one of my very good friends since my freshmen year. He watched me grow into the young lady I am,

so the thought of us winning together was fabulous. I was so excited. I wished my mommy could have shared the experience with me but I had my phone right beside me ready to let her know, either way.

When Arshad Alassan announced the winners, my cheeks lit up. Words can't describe how amazing that felt. Not only did I win, but we won: my dear friend Damien Davis won as well! And the crowns were given to us by two other dear friends, the outgoing king and queen: Stephanier Garcia and Willie Carty. I was surrounded by people I

loved. I remember standing on that stage thinking 'beauty only gets attention, but personality captures the heart'. It was a perfect moment all around.

I believe people voted for me not because of my appearance but because of my true colors. It's great to have a beautiful face, but what comes after that? Your true colors can only be seen through your words and your actions and that's what makes a lasting impression. I am so grateful and appreciative for all the people who voted for us and let me shine that night. Thank you for making the night not only memorable but inspiring! "

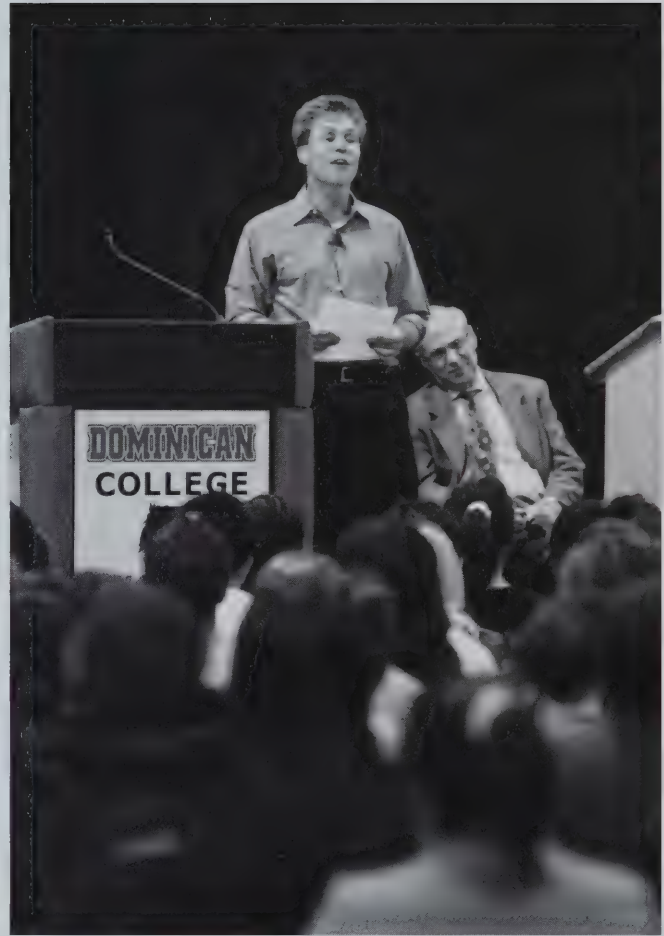
--Mandy Figueroa





Abdul Sulaiman (above), the Spirit of the Founder's Award Winner for 2009, shares the proud moment with his family. His story is featured below, right.

Dominican's Director of Campus Ministry Sr. Barbara McEnerny, Director of Student Activities Jessica Flores and College President Sr. Mary Eileen O'Brien recognized Spirit of the Founders' Award nominees and winners at the Founder's Day BBQ in September 2008. Their contributions to the campus community were highlighted at the ceremony. Pictured left to right below right are: Katie Mirro, Renz Lou Montesclaros, Christopher Guarnuccio and Vilma Saban.



“To accomplish great things, we must dream as well as act.”

-Anatole France



Founders' Week events include guest lecturers, service projects and liturgies which are open to all members of the campus community as well as alumni.





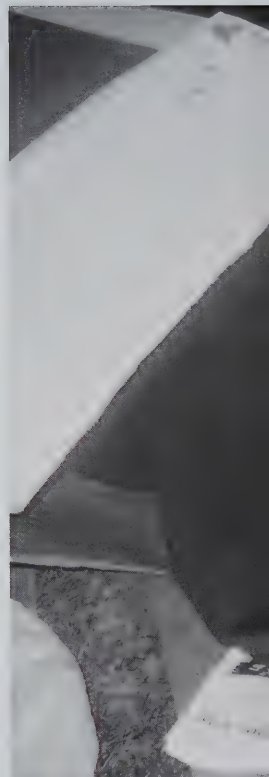
"I'm deeply honored to receive The Spirit of the Founder's Award. I would also like to recognize all participants for their hard work and service to Dominican College. It was an honor for me to be considered and to be part of such a great tradition. Winning this award was an amazing feeling. The ability to help others and make a difference at Dominican College was a joy in itself. Helping others and being someone people can look up to has always been important to me. I wanted to be part of things at Dominican because of the relationship students and faculty have with one another allows you to have a big impact in a lot of ways. Helping others in need and being part of some inspiration is priceless.

Over the years, being involved here helped me be more determined to make a difference and work to inspire people. Participating in numerous Cancer walks like the Relay for Life, food drives, and being a Peer Mentor allowed me to see how easy it can be to literally help change another person's life. Being a student athlete and the President of the Resident Student Association taught me how to be a leader in different ways too. I was always encouraged to see that your actions affect others and to work your position for the greatest effect. These experiences influenced me to make a change in myself to help make a change in someone else. I want to thank everyone who believed in me over the years and honored me with the recognition of winning the award. It means so much to me."

--Abdul Sulaiman

Box City

**Rotaract hosts its annual experience
on homelessness and poverty in our
community**



John Murphy (pictured above), said, "The thing that box city did for me was it made me be more aware of what other peoples lifestyles are like. It made me open my eyes and see how grateful I am for all that has been given to me."

While John was trying to stay warm in the 30 degree weather, he reached for food that the Midnight Run committee, also sponsored by Rotaract, handed out to those who were homeless for the night.





"It really made me realize what people who are less fortunate, have to go through everyday," said Colleen Smith (pictured left). "It opens your eyes to see all these people around you struggling to stay warm and trying to pool the little they have to survive. I would absolutely do this again next year. It's such a fun bonding experience and I think that if we got more people to do it that we could really spread awareness about the issue of homelessness in our country. You know about it in your head, but until you feel the cold like on a night like this, it doesn't seem real."



"This experience really opened my eyes to how others are forced to live. It was hard to realize you have nothing but the clothes on your back, your imagination and the hope that you might be lucky and come across some people that would be kind and share with you. It was also a lot of fun because we got to all hang out. There was a real spirit of community in the quad. People were working together to keep warm and lift each others' spirits. Someone was playing guitar and despite the cold, we knew we were in it together so there was a lot of laughter," said Michelle Birney (pictured left).

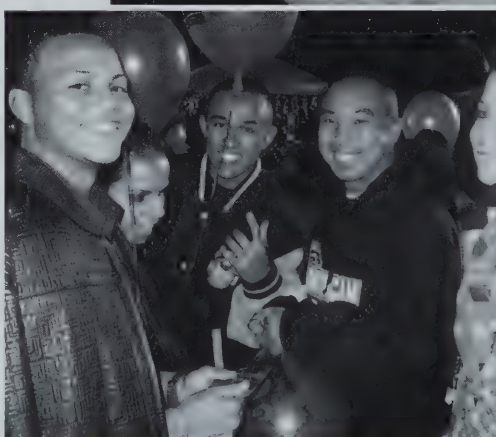
Spotlight: **Light the Night**

"Life isn't about finding yourself, it's about creating yourself." I think I lived that quote this year. If I could give one piece of advice to a college student, it would simply be to get involved. Had I known becoming a part of a group or organization at this school would be more like being welcomed as part of a family, I definitely wouldn't have waited until my senior year to do so. But I changed so much this year as a person because I participated in so many things. I feel like, in a lot of ways, I recreated myself.

At this point in my life, I had taken on the role as captain of the Volleyball team, which I worked really hard for over the past three years. I lived, breathed, ate and slept volleyball for the past three years and made little time to do anything else. But I felt really isolated from the rest of the campus as a result. Volleyball was my world, and I couldn't imagine taking on anything more or being anything else. In the spring, with the encouragement of a few friends, I decided to also try to be a peer mentor. Who would have thought that such a busy schedule would have been one of the best experiences of my life? I also got injured and was sidelined for volleyball for a while so everything changed. I learned that volleyball- being a student athlete was only part of who I was and I had a lot more to offer off the court. The lessons, the memories and the lifelong friendships are things that I will take with me everywhere I go. Looking back on such an experience like this makes me think of how lucky I am to have had such a great opportunity to work alongside such wonderful people.

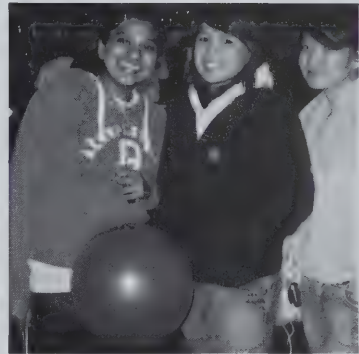
Working on projects that really make a difference like the Light the Night Walk was incredible. Being a volunteer was fun, but rewarding and it was so appreciated by all survivors, friends and family who walked that night. It was great to be part of another team and to know something so small had such a huge impact. Throughout it all, one of the most important things that I've learned is that, in life, people will forget the things you've said and even the things you've done, but they will never forget how you made them feel. To all of those Professors, Staff Members, classmates, friends, teammates, and roommates who have made me feel welcomed, loved, and supported, I only hope that I was able to return the favor."

--Katie Earl (pictured dominant photo)





Team Dominican was almost 100 members strong at the Rockland County Light the Night Walk for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society this year. The annual event is begins at Nyack Memorial Park. Involvement in the walk began three years ago when several Dominican College students mobilized the college community to participate in the walk to support their neighbor, 8 year old Danny Mulvey, who was living with cancer. The Freshman Year Office and the Office of Residence Life have coordinated Team Dominican as a collaborative service project ever since.





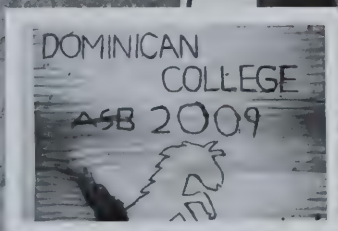


"As we drove from Louisiana to Mississippi, all around us, mile after mile, were abandoned homes that were still in ruins. Watching it in the news is totally different from seeing it firsthand. Although the tragedy happened years ago, there are still reminders everywhere of the pain and struggle that Hurricane Katrina caused. It was emotional for all of us because we toured the neighborhoods that were hit hardest and, unbelievably, many are still in very severe condition. They say America is the land of the free and opportunity; however it is so disappointing to know that Katrina hit in 2002 and seven years later, the city of New Orleans is still in the condition it is in. The most heartbreaking part is that people are still living among the devastation. This experience humbled me greatly and enriched my soul with sensitivity and compassion. I will never forget the sites I saw or the people I met.

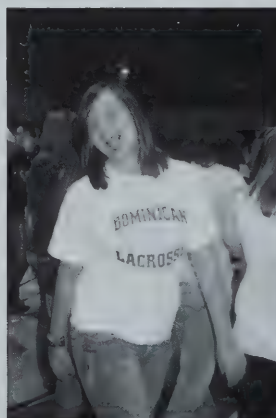
In a song called "Tie My Hands", Lil Wayne, a rapper who grew up in New Orleans, expresses the pain and struggle that his people had to deal with after Katrina hit. However, he still was able to feel hope for the future of New Orleans, the city he loved so much. He states: "Some say tragedy is hard to get over but sometimes, it means that tragedy is over." I have much optimism for the future of New Orleans and I feel so honored to have helped in the rebuilding process, even in a small way. I will always remember this experience and take it with me wherever I go." -- Stephanier Garcia (inset picture, far right, on truck)



Alternative Spring Break



Relay for Life 2009





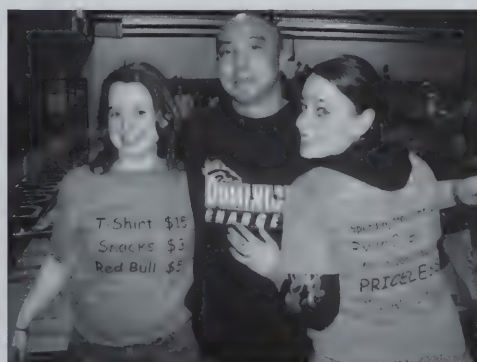
"HOPE is about showing your passion and helping to end the disease. Just a little 'walk around the gym' can contribute to the importance of the Relay for Life commitment to end this terrible illness we call cancer."

"Relay for Life is not just a walk; it's an inspirational event that showed me anything is possible in life. It is an amazing experience to get to see all the cancer survivors and family members representing their loved ones. I went to the event not knowing what to expect. I heard some things that usually happen there, but the experience itself was incredible.

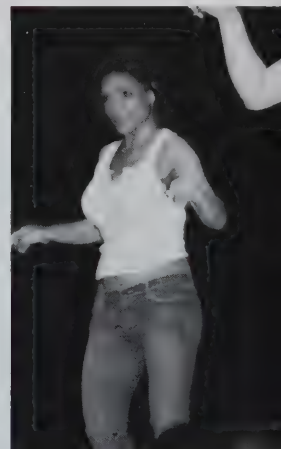
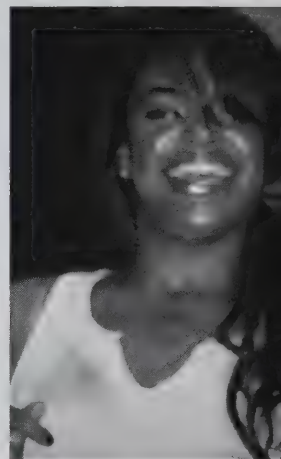
There were many survivors there who we got to meet and who shared their stories of survival with us. For the cancer patients who lost their lives, we did not mourn them, but instead, the walk became a celebration of the lives they had. It was sad and inspirational for everyone and showed how our society is changing to have more people working hard every day in so many ways to defeat this disease.

It was more than just a walk. There was music and pictures and games too to keep everyone motivated. It was a fun a time to spend with your friends and an experience I will never forget. I was glad I got to be a part of it and know that my donation was helping loved ones for the people our community."

--Nicki Bagatta
(pictured above, right)



Salsa Mambo strikes





"Getaway. For me, it's a getaway from class, papers and exams. Without a doubt, I still have to work as hard to succeed at this skill, but when I dance, I'm free. I just get away. I move to the rhythm and sound of music where words just aren't enough. Although many of the girls who come together each year to perform in the Salsa Group for the Talent Show know each other from outside of dancing salsa, it's what unites us. Once a year, everything stops and we put aside everything else to commit our hearts and souls to this performance. It brings us together in such a uniformed manner that when we count "1, 2, 3..5, 6, 7..." we zone out the rest of the world. We are one for that one night. Every year, we reunite for the school's talent show. For me, it has been one of the most highlighted events of the year. The rush that the girls and I get from being on that stage together is an incredible feeling I will always remember. We want to share that love that we feel when we are dancing with the audience and make you want to get up on that stage and join us. The show is like an exhibit where we students are able to express our art, and in that way, we are all the artists in that moment."

--Darilyn Gonzalez

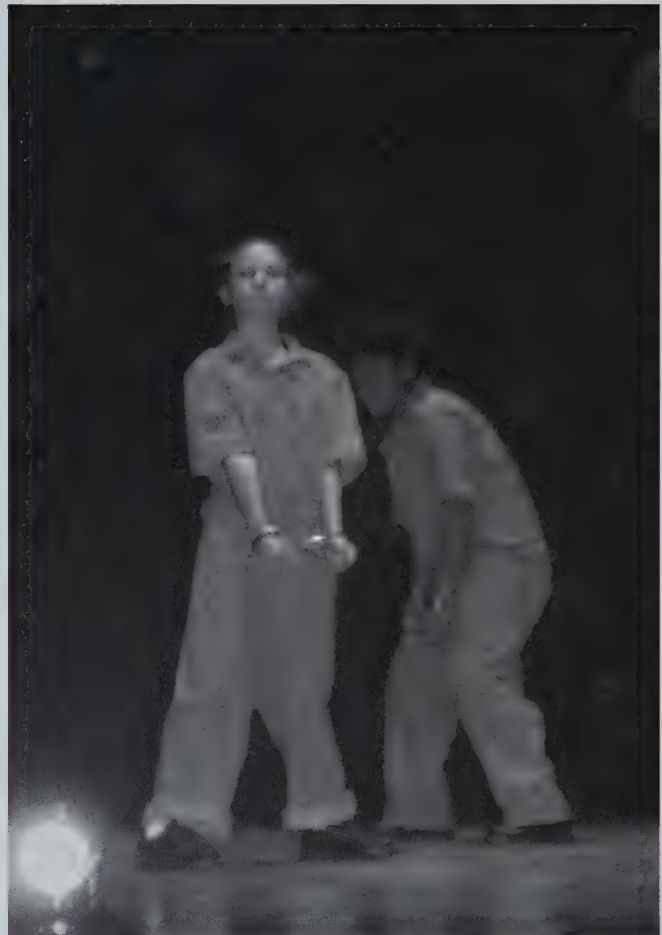


Dominican's Got Talent





Members of the Dynasty Step Team took part in the Student club Fair during Family Day, showing off their eye-hand coordination at the Win-A-Fish booth.



In sync as always, Dynasty struts their stuff in another phenomenal performance in the Student Talent Show.

“Let's dare to be ourselves, for we do that better than anyone else can.”

—Shirley Briggs





"I have been with the Dynasty step team all four years of my college career. Being a member and later on a coach on the Dynasty step team was a phenomenal experience. Being on this team taught me discipline, commitment and introduced me to different types of individuals.

I would have never guessed that this step team would later be my second family.

Throughout my four years on the step team there were different challenges that were presented as there would be in any other team. One of many things that I loved about being a member of the Dynasty steppers was that there was no sense of hierarchy or "leaders". Yes there were coaches who ran the step practices, but I never felt inferior to them. Coming into practice, I felt everyone was on the same level regardless of titles. That, and the feeling of trust and friendship are what kept me wanting to continue to be a member of the step team. I must admit that being on a team with all females with different opinions got a little intense, but being able to talk things out and getting positive feedback from step members kept the family feeling alive. Those who have been on the team will agree with me that the experience of being a Dynasty step member is like no other. I will forever be a Dynasty stepper. For all those to come in the future, it will definitely be a memorable experience. " -Melissa Garcia



"As a freshmen coming in August 2005, I was scared, shy and a little lost. The four years on the step team were the best years of my life. The sisterhood that I established is one forever. We all had a drive, commitment, trust and a goal to stomp our hearts out.

We all shared a bond that is unexplainable. As a member, and later on as a captain, a once timid girl was able to build leadership qualities that helped keep the motivation on the team through the good times and the tough times. I learned a lot about myself, as well as other people. Dynasty is my family; it was like a sorority for us. There was never an "I" in TEAM for us in Dynasty. We supported and will support one another, no matter what. Joining this team made my college experience a whole lot easier.

Dynasty was a sisterhood and brotherhood that I felt so privileged to be part of. No matter how old I get, I will always throw up my diamonds and represent for DYNASTY!"

--Deja Vann



Resident Assistants



Leaa Vallejo (pictured above second from the left), a third year Resident Assistant shares her story on how much being an RA has impacted her life:

"Being an RA definitely comes with some drawbacks; lock-outs at all times of the day and night and constant roommate conflicts. Sometimes these problems seem endless and the drama never stops. At the end of day though, I will always look upon my experience as an RA as a positive part of my life at Dominican College. The position not only allowed me to grow as a better person, but it has also helped me developed special relationships with other RA's and the students in my module over the years.

It's a tough but rewarding job. Although sometimes it was difficult to remember why I took the job in the first place, there are those special moments that come through when I realized I really do enjoy being an RA. I am glad I made the choice I did because it brought many positive things into my life."



Right: Sarah and Lindsey share a laugh and some team spirit after they win a game of Twister. Below, a competitor demonstrates his dedication to winning with a face full of pie.



“Winning isn't everything. It's the only thing.”

Right Ashley (on left) and friends make time to support each other in the heat of the battle..



Paul Ocana (at bottom of photo) right) and his championship team strike an intimidating pose for their group picture and attempt to convey how much they dominated the competition.





DC's 1st Annual Dorm Olympics And The Winner Is?



Above left, Noel and Kelly Rocco show off the end result of a hard-fought pie eating contest with the remains of their pies. Noel (pictured above right) and friends pile on and show some 'great pyramid'-building teamwork for their team photo.



Ashley's (pictured middle) team photo presents a united front with all members sporting their matching uniforms.

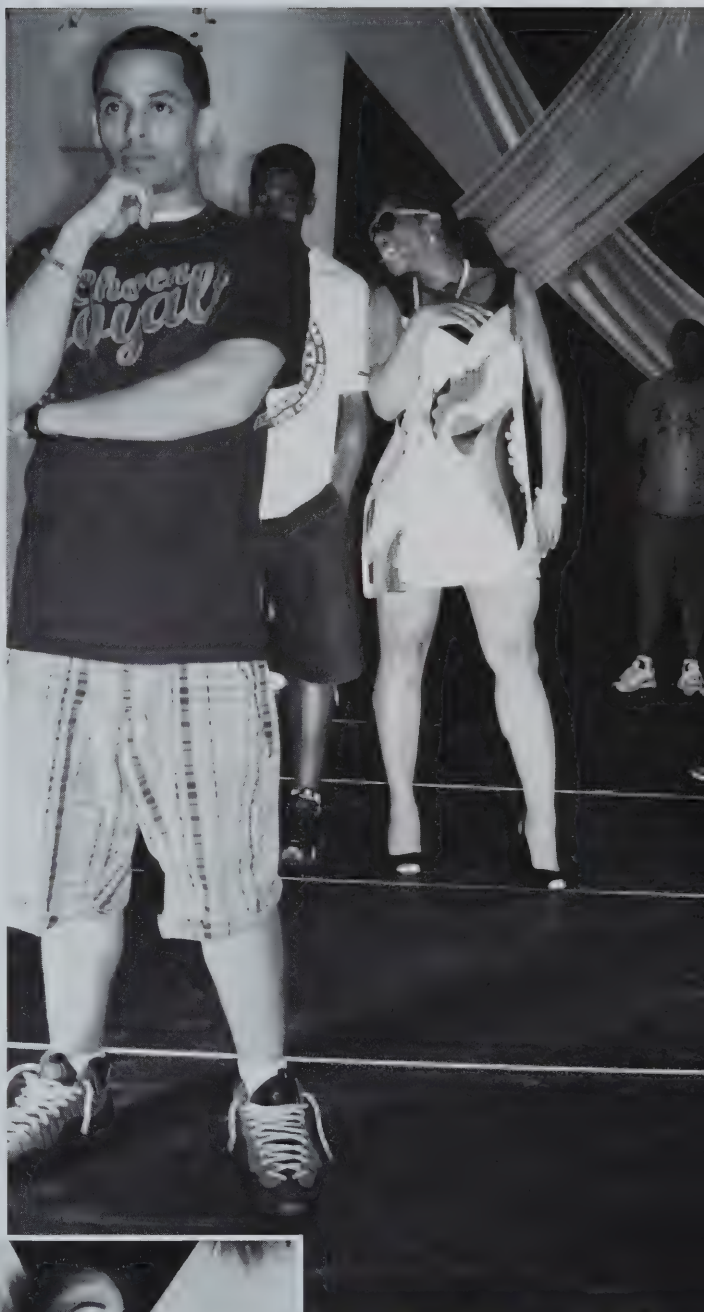


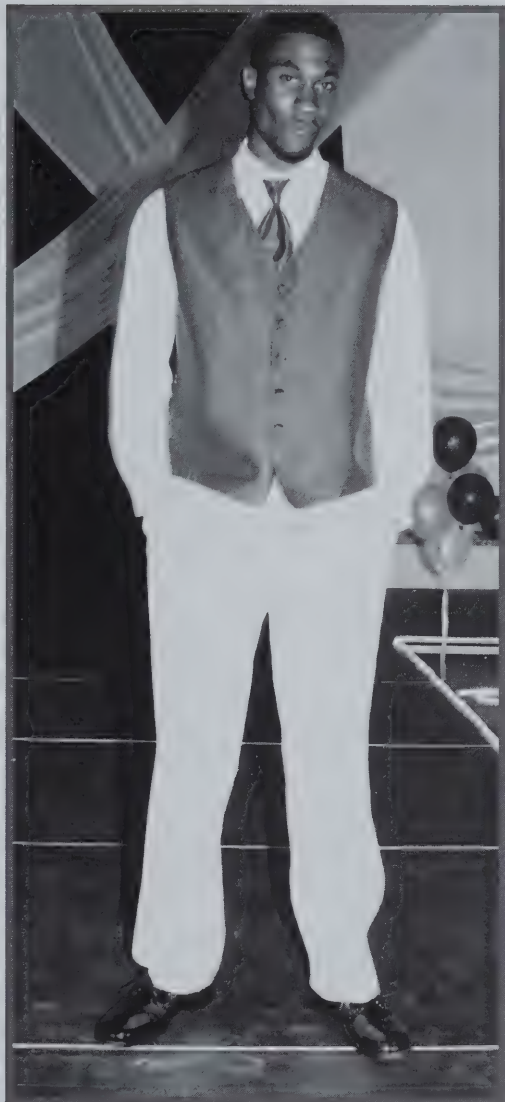
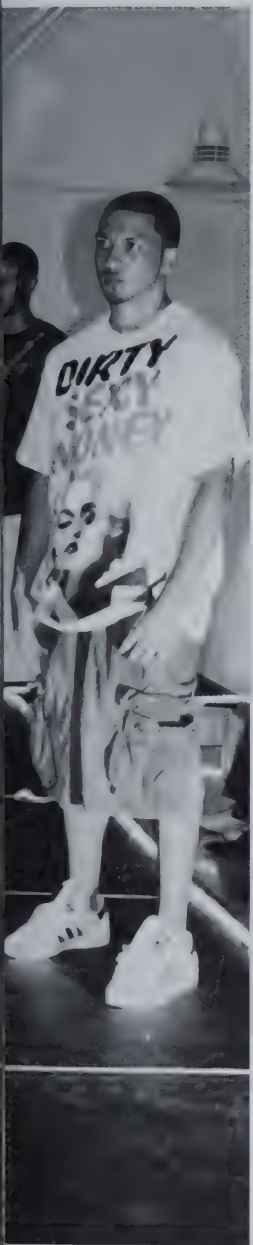
Jennifer's (pictured bottom) team project their strength and confidence in their team photo.

This year, Dominican's Office of Residence Life threw down the gauntlet and encouraged some friendly competition among the three student dorms: Guzman, Hertel and Rosary Hall. The First Annual Dorm Olympics featured events that ranged from sports competitions to the truly ridiculous. The staff outdid themselves in using their creativity to bring the teams together. Challenges like Team Twister and a pie-eating contest put students' pride on the line for bragging rights to the Director's Cup and the title of "Olympic Champion".

After all the dust had settled, and the blood, sweat and tears were left on the olympic battle field, Guzman Hall reigned victorious through the hard work of Paul Ocana's Team T.N.A. Paul shared his victory with teammates, leaving no doubt in anyone's mind that he was truly the greatest. As a freshmen, he knew he was destined for greatness and kept his promise by going out on top in his senior year. Congratulations Paul, you did it! Training for next year's group of hopefuls begins immediately.

On the
catwalk at
DC's
Fashion Show

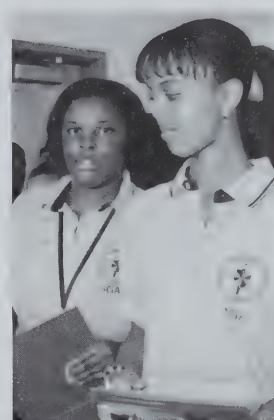








Student Government **Captures our attention**

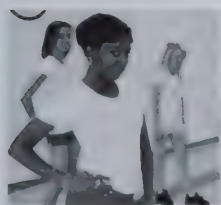


Being a part of SGA means that you are a representative of Dominican College. For the first time I feel I can do what I want to do and make a difference in the student body. It is a privilege to be a part of this organization and to be able to make a difference in the student body. I am proud to be a part of this organization and to be able to make a difference in the student body. I am proud to be a part of this organization and to be able to make a difference in the student body.

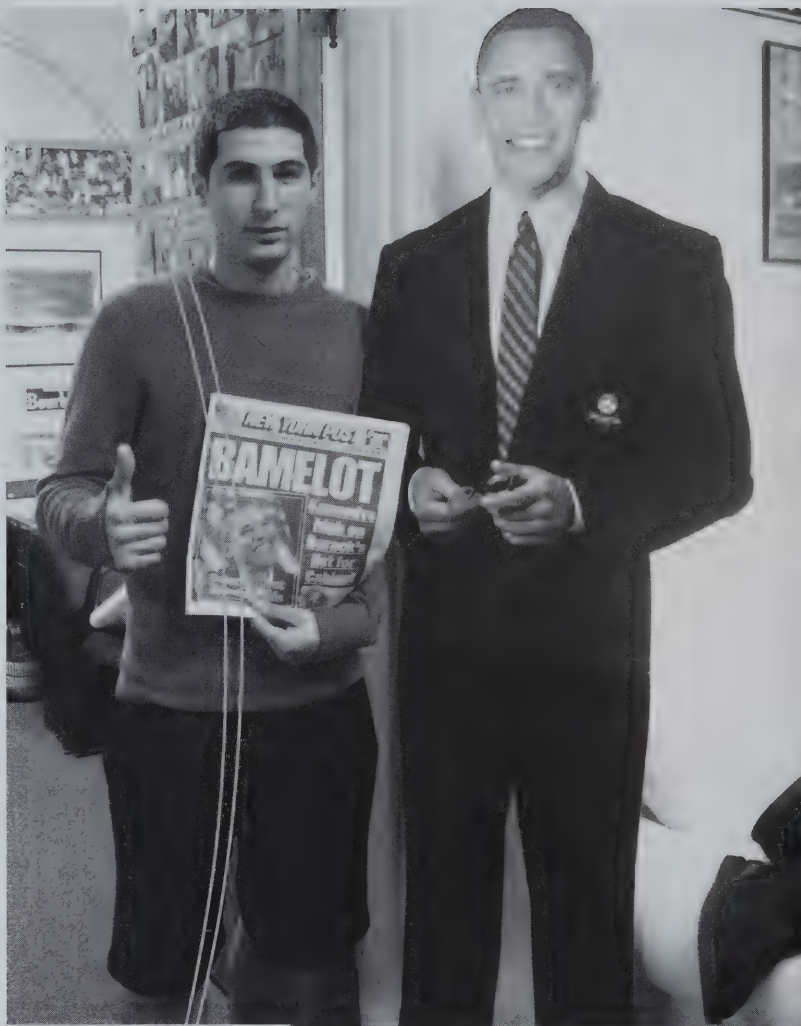
As someone who was "born" in the Dominican Republic, I feel a strong connection to Dominican College and the student body. I am proud to be a part of this organization and to be able to make a difference in the student body. I am proud to be a part of this organization and to be able to make a difference in the student body.

— JESSICA WOODWARD





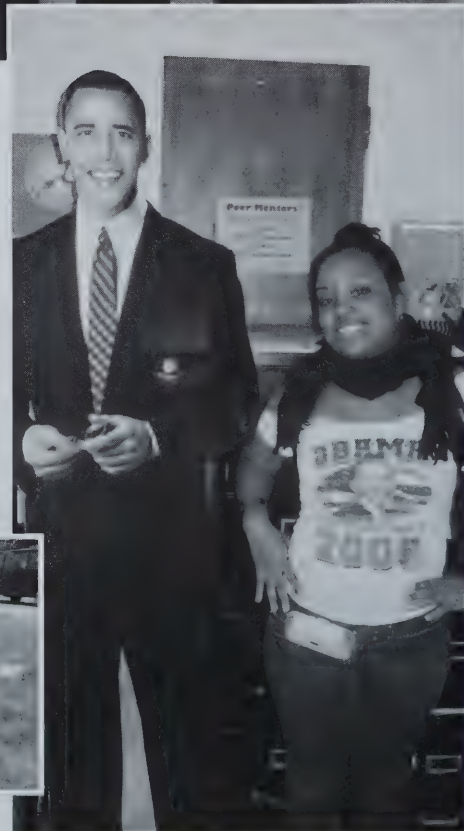
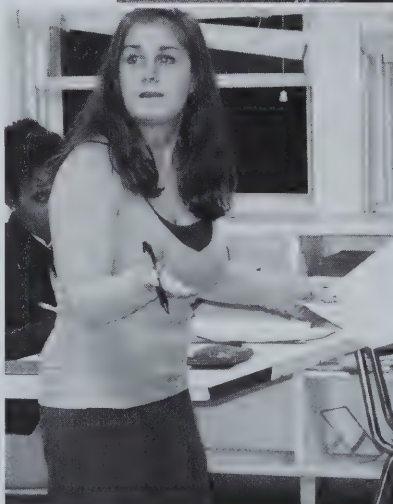
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To be a
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– Muhammed
Ali





Dominican College **Debate Team**



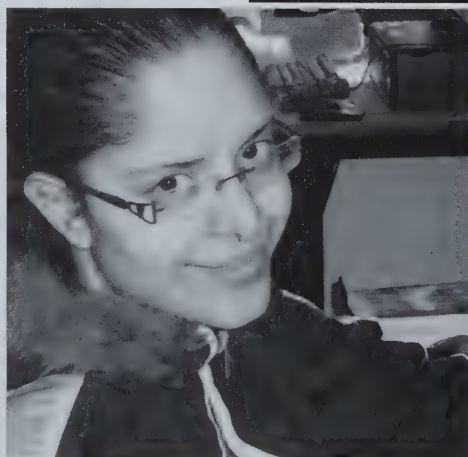
" Our team has grown so much stronger over the past three years. We get better and better every year. We won two first place debates, two third place debates and have made numerous finals.. I'm really proud to be part of such a great group of people who work hard to continue to strive to reach our mission statement.

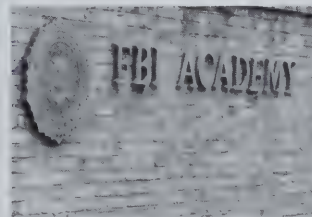
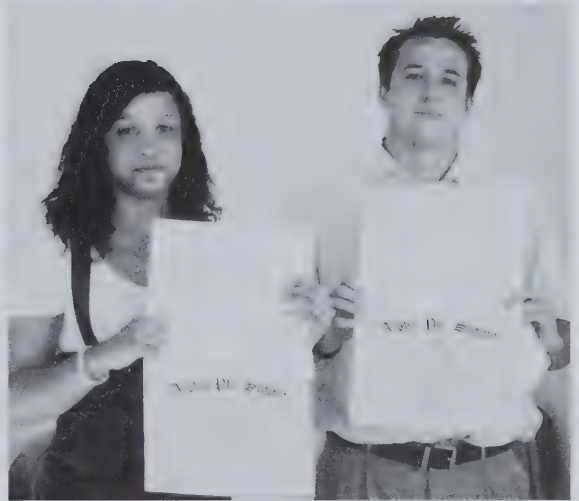
It's hard to believe I have been involved with this group for three years now, but I have learned so much. I first got involved because I wanted to use to experience to help me get ready for law school. Over the years, i have gained leadership skills, improved my public speaking ability, came to understand group leadership and improved my motivation to learn about any topic that gets thrown my way. For me, I've grown in so many ways and it feels great to take home a few trophies too." --Jimmy Kocak (left, second from the left)

Building Community **Student Clubs**

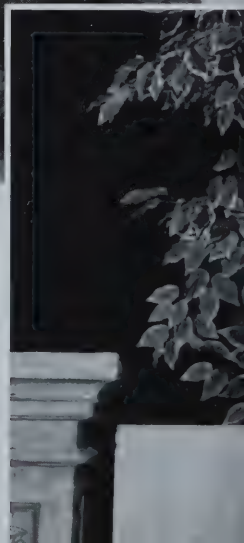


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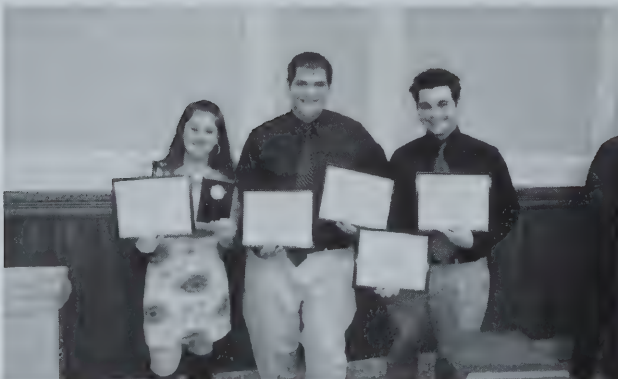




Spring Musical: **Little Shop of Horrors**









“T hroughout my four years here at Dominican College, I have been involved in a myriad of things on campus. It was overwhelming to be recognized for all my contributions to the campus community all in one night. I will always remember the opportunity DC has given me to grow and become my own person. I learned so much from all various the experiences I had as a student leader over the years. The Women’s Volleyball team taught me how to stay determined and overcome. Peer Mentors taught me how to communicate effectively and be open. Student Government taught me how to plan an event thoroughly and successfully. The Aquin Players taught me how to exude confidence. The faculty and staff made me feel appreciated, and most importantly, they made me feel like I made a significant difference. Although Dominican College is small, it prepared me for the big real world, and I will be forever grateful!”

—Kinikia Collier

Student Leadership Awards

"My experience as a student-athlete at Dominican College was extremely memorable. I remember early classes and late practices. I recall playing evening games and doing late night studying. However, most of all, I remember having to put my priorities first and other activities that interested me aside.

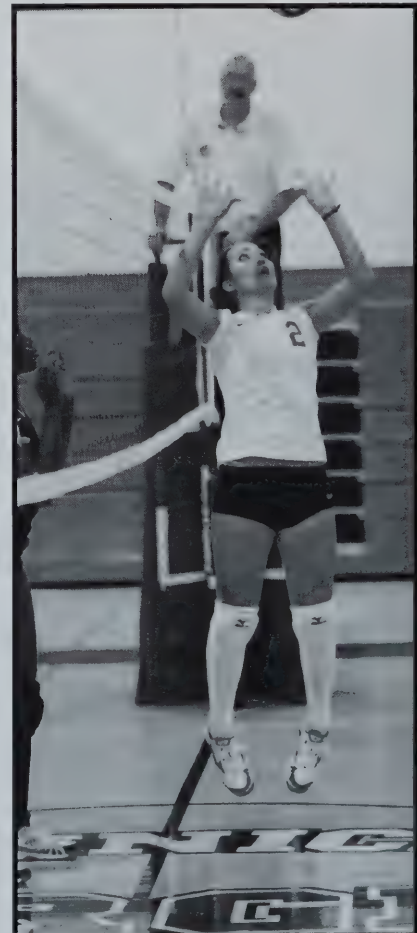
Senior Ashley Simpson

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Throughout my years I learned so much, from both academics and athletics. The two main things I will bring with me after graduation are commitment and success. Being a part of the Dominican family allowed me to feel the power of success both in the classroom and on the volleyball court. Although the team may have not been successful in other people's eyes, looking from the inside out I experienced different. We prospered in areas others couldn't see. Through the hard times we learned to stick together and did a good job at ignoring negative perspectives. We also were able to succeed by remaining focused and continuing to work hard. In my studies I achieved so much. I managed to receive good grades, I like to believe I obtained respect from my peers and professors but most importantly I succeeded by receiving a Bachelor's Degree.

Growing up, I have always been a committed person both to school and sports. However, I feel I have reached a higher level of commitment by being exposed to the Dominican College atmosphere. While managing to balance education and athletics, I learned that without commitment there is no success. With the backing of great professors and a wonderful athletics program, staying committed came naturally. The two departments were able to work together in helping me achieve the highest level of success while accommodating us with anything we may have needed. Whether that was simply making our schedules so there were no conflicts or supporting us both on and off the court athletes receive the full support of the college. Capturing all the moments at DC, I have many memories that will remain with me for the rest of my life."

--Ashley Simpson





Women's Volleyball



Brandon Heembrock **Freshman Goalie,** **#1**

"Thousands of people play collegiate sports and playing for Dominican College athletics is great. You are not just playing soccer, but you are playing for a family. Coming from Canada, and not knowing anyone here, that meant a lot because I was so far from home. The people I met playing soccer are not just a group of players. They have become great friends, friends that I do everything with and friends that I will have for a long time to come."

Playing for Dominican Soccer has made college even more excitable along with the other athletic teams here at school. We have players from many different countries. Dominican soccer is not just about learning the sport, but learning how to act off the field as well. We learn how to be a great individual first, a great teammate second and a great soccer team third. Those are great things to learn."

Brandon Heembrock



Men's Soccer





Women's Soccer



Senior Angela Correia, # 10

" Soccer impacted my life in many ways... I grew up and live in not the best of neighborhoods and playing soccer kept me away from all the bad choices while I was younger... now it has taught me time management skills..currently I am working two jobs, playing soccer for the NJ Wildcats and am a full time student.. I travel twice to three times a week for practice and games and still am maintaining a GPA of 3.95 all while working 5-6 days a week. Soccer is my life. " --Angie Correia

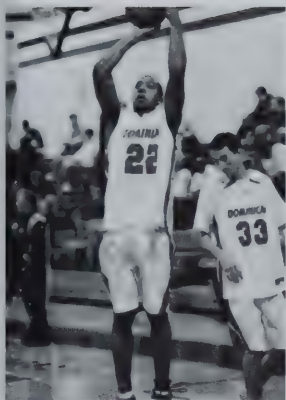
Angie (pictured far left) was asked to play on the Portuguese National Team.





Men's Basketball





Senior Willie Carty

#10

"Playing basketball at Dominican College was one of the most life changing experiences I have had in my life. I learned more than how to score two points or set a screen. Through my years and experiences as team captain, I gained valuable life skills. I learned leadership, accountability, responsibility, dedication, team work, and most important of all, mental toughness.

I also had the chance to interact with many different personalities, and I have made lifelong friends. I may not have always seen eye to eye with my coaches, but they pushed me everyday to be the best player and person I could be. I want to take this opportunity to thank them for their faith in my character as well as my skills on the basketball court. Playing basketball for Dominican College was an experience I will cherish for the rest of my life." --Willie Carty



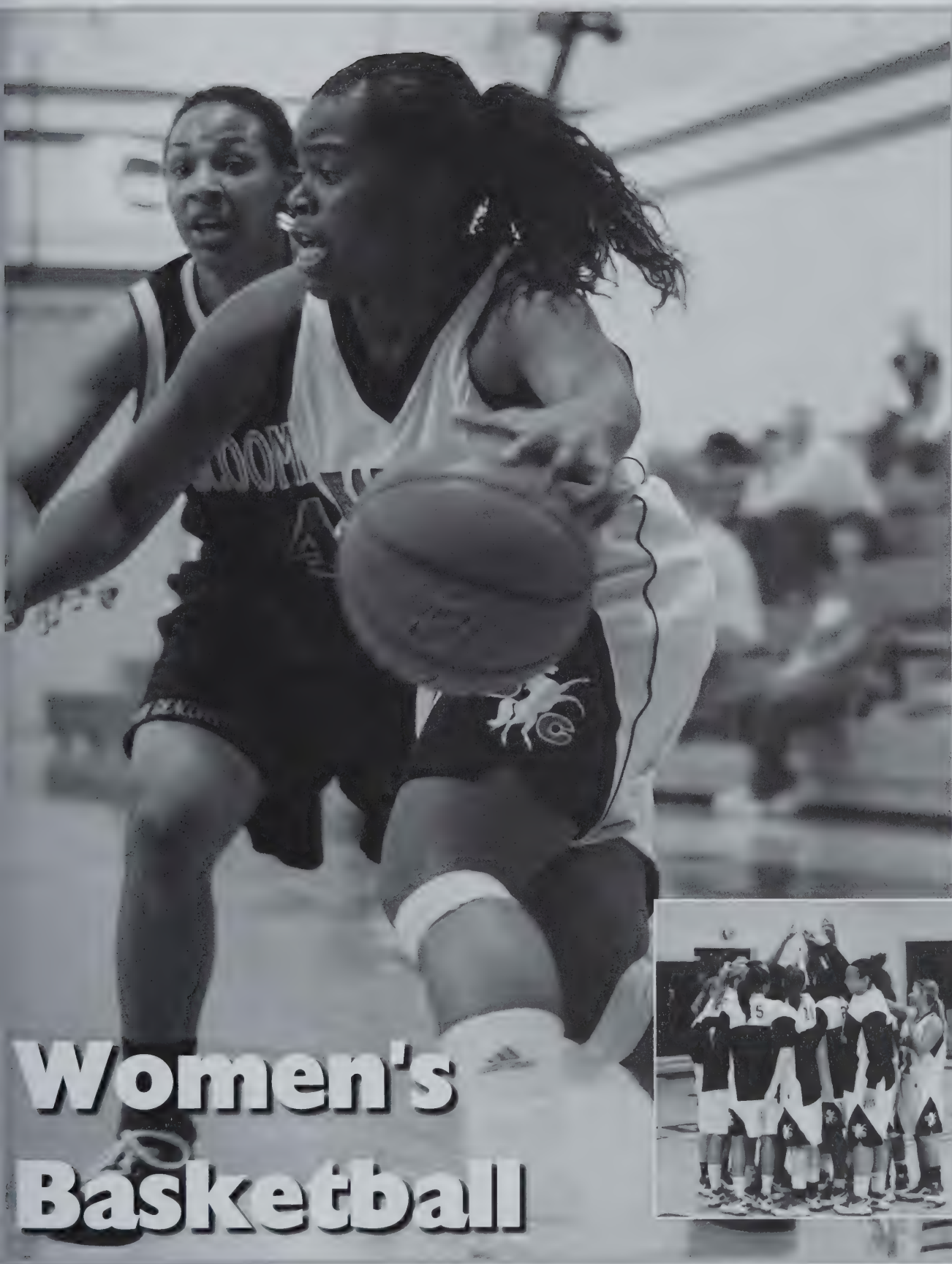
Althea Chambers, Senior # 10



"Some people would say 'it's just a game', but that is so far from the truth. Basketball doesn't build character it reveals it. Being a college basketball player at Dominican College, was one of the best decisions of my life because it helped me in so many ways: it surrounded me with people who really cared about my success, I built long lasting friendships, and it pushed me to manage my time. From the moment I had my first team meeting, I was intrigued at how Coach Burke would always talk about how we can succeed if we do extra, and have a good work ethic. He talked about doing things not only when the coaches were looking, but that what really counts is what we do when they aren't. The advice that he gave really stuck with me, and pushed me to be the student athlete that I became. I learned that it was the continuous effort, not strength or intelligence, is the key to unlocking our potential. I knew what I had to do on an off the court to succeed. Off the court, I had excellent professors who were very accessible and understanding, and on the court I always pushed myself and my teammates to reach and exceed our potential.

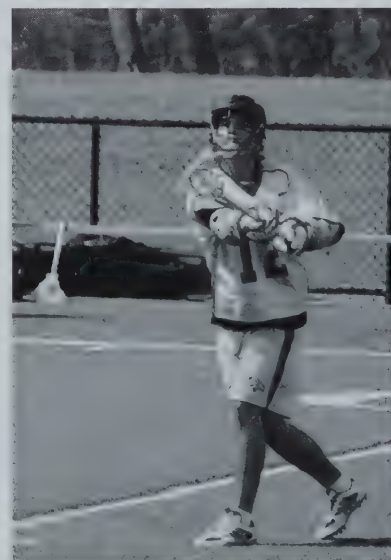
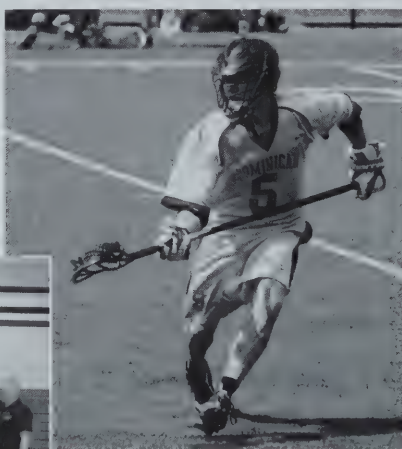
I was a captain for three years, I was an All-Conference and All Met player, and I scored my 1,000 points, but I would not have been able to do any of it without my teammates, coaches, and family. To my teammates: 'teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision. The ability to direct individual accomplishments toward organizational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results' (Andrew Carnegie). Thanks for trusting that my leadership would help us achieve our goals, supporting me, and being great friends. To the coaches, 'coaching is taking a player where he cannot take himself' (Bill McCartney). I appreciate all that the coaching staff did for me; pushing me to never settle and continuing to get better, allowing me to be a leader, and being there for me throughout my career at Dominican. To my family, thanks for the support and guidance you gave me." --Althea Chambers





Women's Basketball





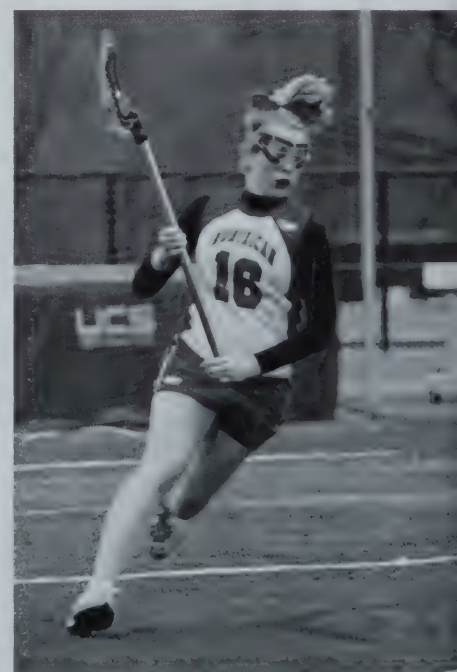
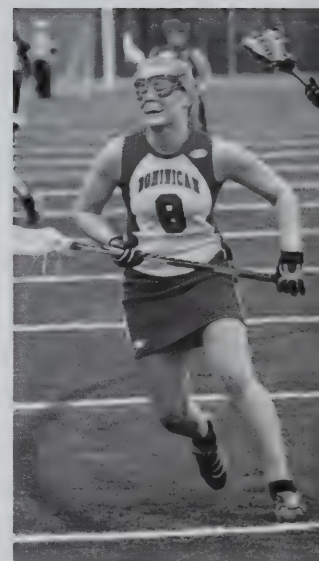
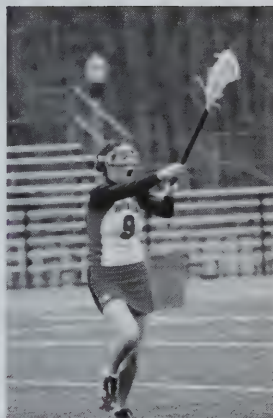


Men's Lacrosse

Senior Maryanne Eaton # 12

"Lacrosse has only had a positive impact on my life. It challenged me physically, mentally, and emotionally. I know that this season helped me grow as a student, athlete, and overall individual. I never before thought that I would ever pick up a lacrosse stick and play, let alone be a member of a division II lacrosse team. This experience really challenged me, but it gave me the confidence that I can do anything that I set my mind to, all it takes is a lot of time and hard work on my part."

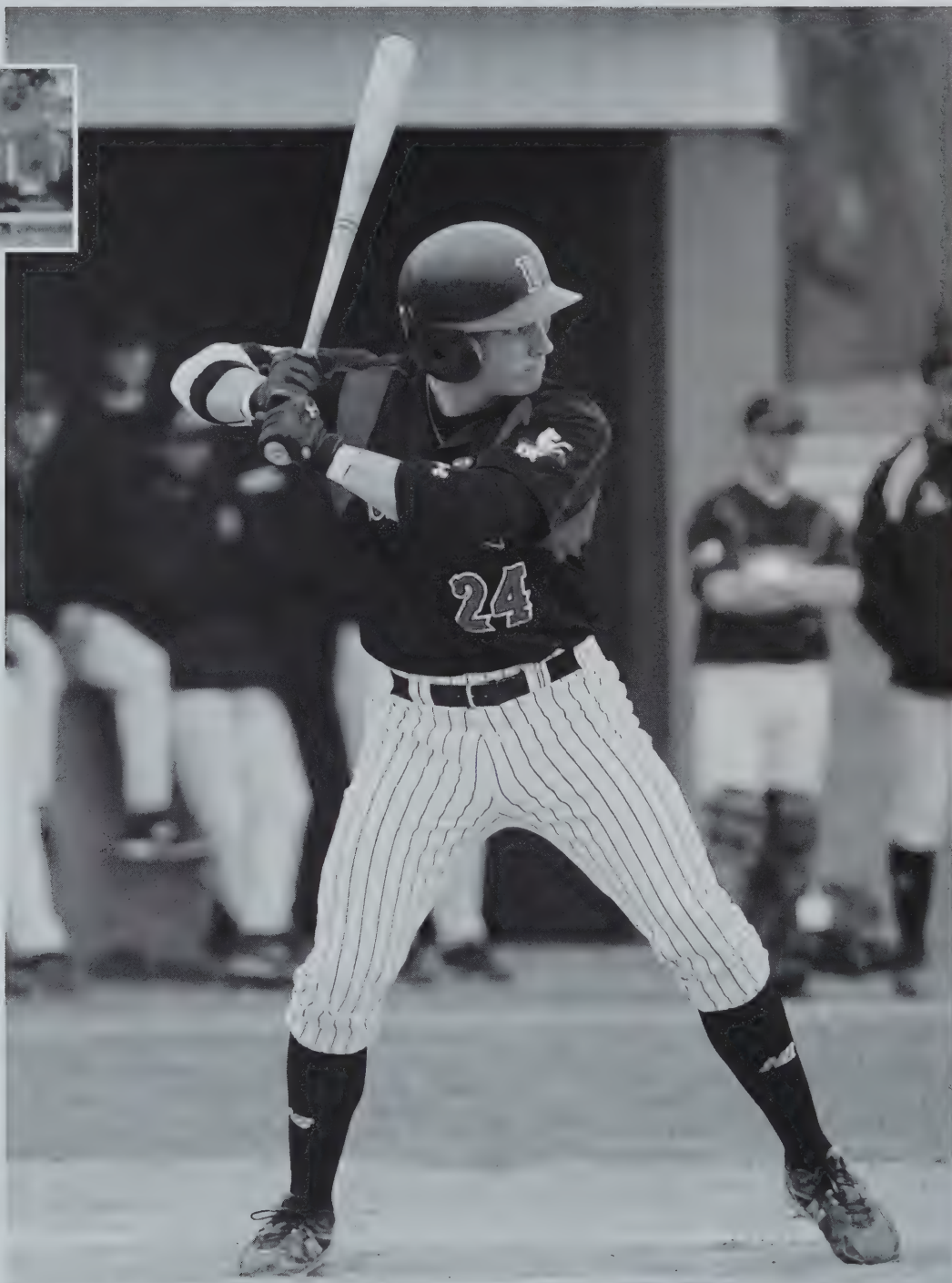
-- Maryanne Eaton





Women's Lacrosse





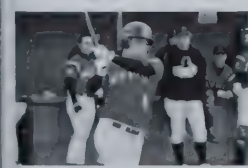
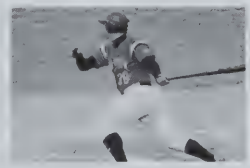
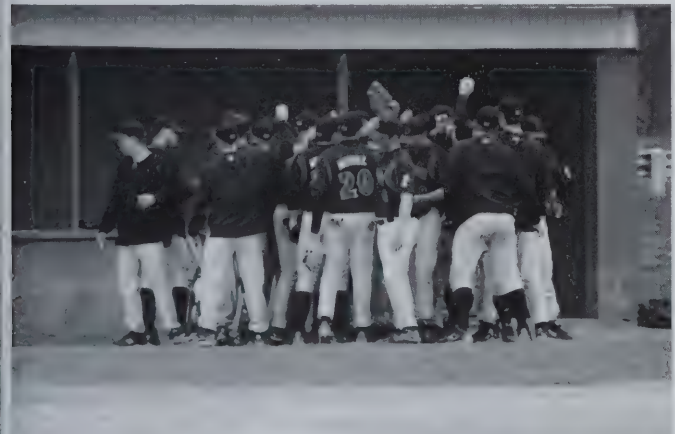
Men's Baseball

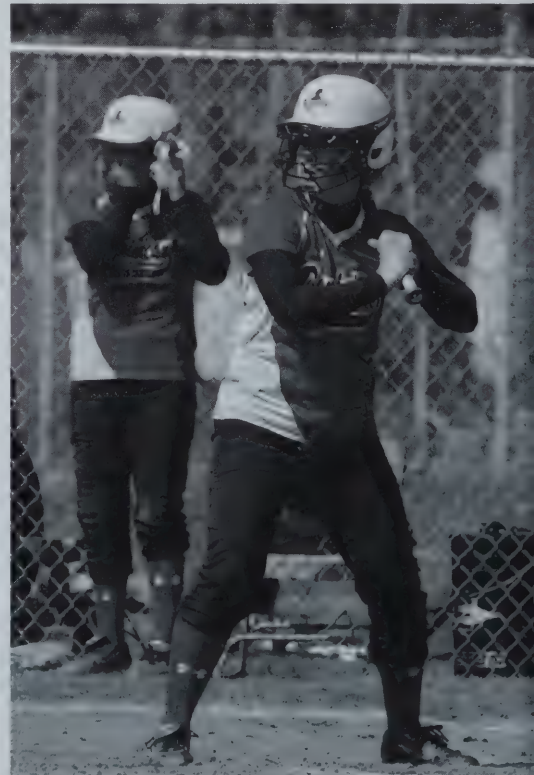
Senior Marc Mortellaro #24

"My most memorable moment as a member of the Dominican College Baseball team came in the second game of a double header on April 8th, 2009 against Post University. It was the bottom of the 10th inning with a runner on first. We were losing 3-2 and there were 2 outs and I was at bat. A situation arose with me at the plate; the game is on the line and the tying run is at first base. The Post pitcher threw a fastball that ended up being belt high and right over the plate and I took a good swing at it and before you know it I was watching the ball disappear into the night. It was my first career walk off home-run right over the 376ft sign at Veterans Park. I crossed home plate and there the dog pile began. The best part was we dog piled right in front of Post's dugout sending them on a long trip back to Connecticut. That was definitely one of my most memorable moments in my years as a Dominican Charger.

Anyone that experienced a game winning hit knows the kind of feeling I'm talking about, but to hit a walk off home-run; the adrenaline rush and incredible feeling you get when you're at the bottom of that dog pile and the reason the team has just won the game is indescribable. It can only be felt by personally achieving that feat. Growing up, it's every kids dream to be in that situation to get the big, game winning hit. You always see it on TV and in the pros all the time. When I was on deck, I literally pictured and played the whole thing out in my head and envisioned it happening and that's what happened. Suddenly, it went from being a dream in my head to my being at the bottom of a pile of my teammates celebrating right before my eyes. Since it happened only a few weeks into the season, I felt like it had an impact not only on me but on team. It kind of jump-started our season and led us to our 38-14 record when it was all said and done."

--Marc A. Mortellaro





Women's Softball



Seniors Jamie Ollari #7 and Sarah Beck #6

This year Dominican's Lady Chargers broke the school record for wins and won the conference regular season title. Seniors Jamie Ollari and Sarah Beck reflected on their experiences with the team.

"I had such a great time with my teammates. They were completely crazy all of the time and we were always making each other laugh. We never let anyone get the best of us and always showed up to play no matter what."

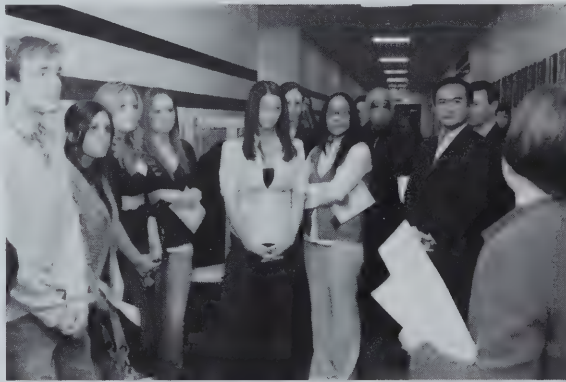
--Jamie Ollari

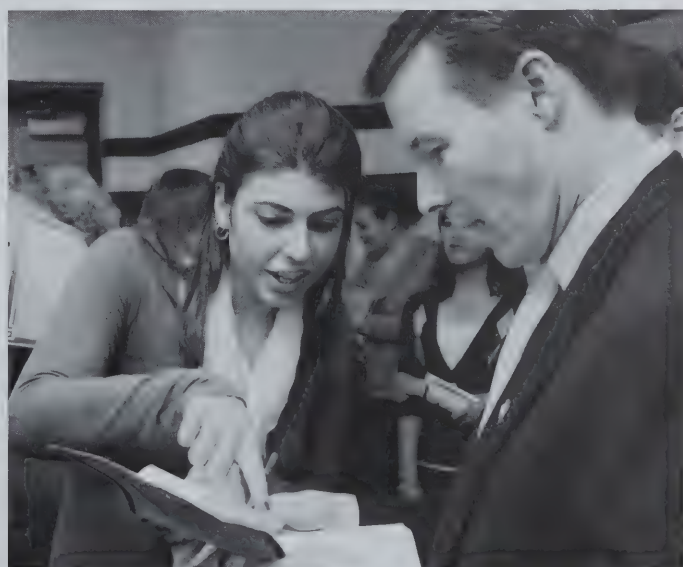
CACC's 2009 Player of the Year Award winner, Sarah Beck, shared: "My absolute favorite thing about my team is my teammates! We had each other's backs in the bad times and laughed with each other in the good times! I could always count on them."

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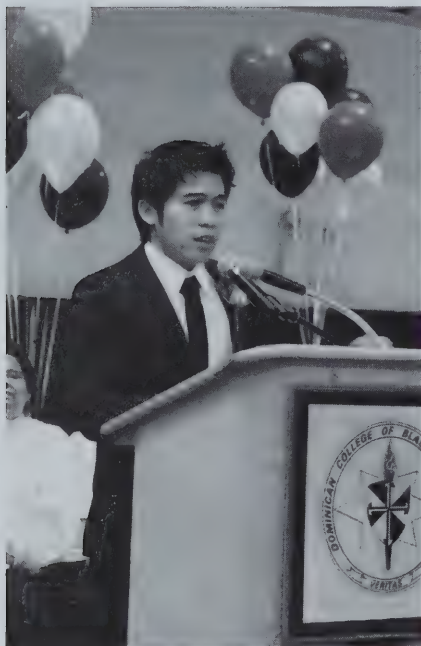
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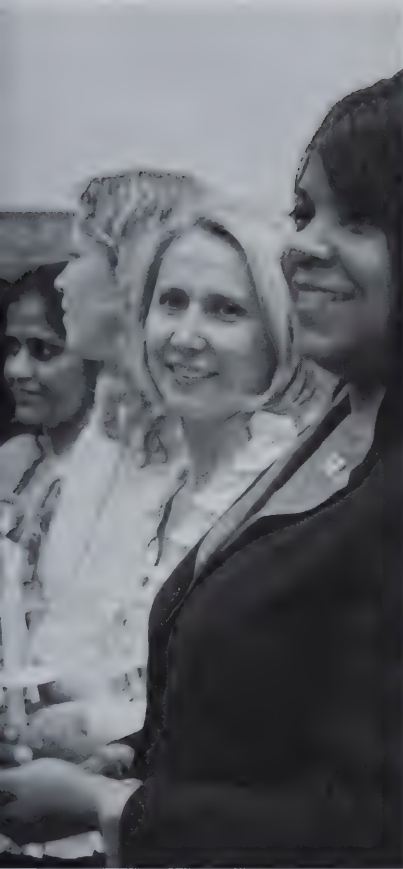
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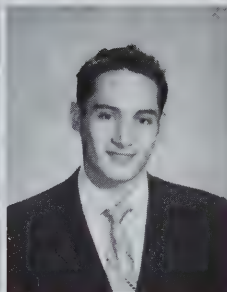
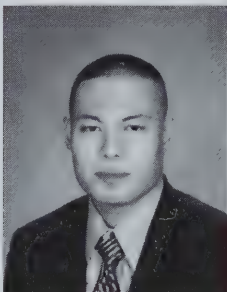
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The Class of 2009

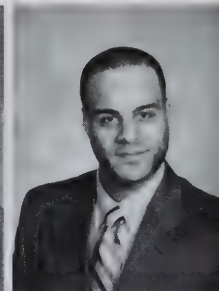
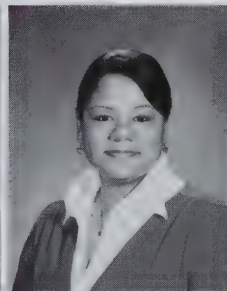
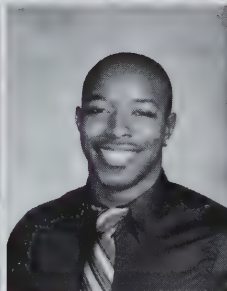
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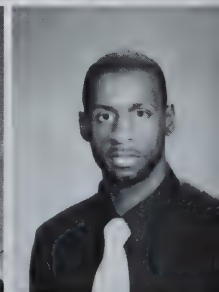
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Willie Carty



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Daniel Cola
Diane Conklin





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Michelle Autiero



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Josefina Bati
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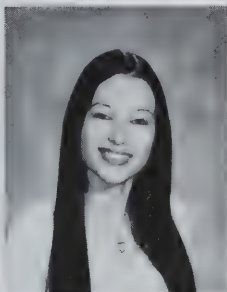
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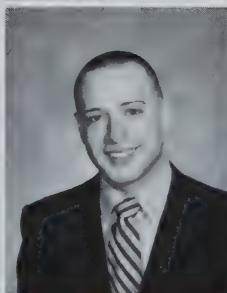
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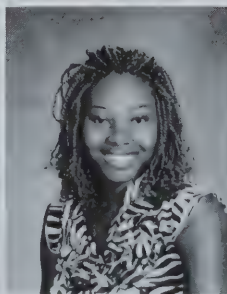
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Tiffany Morris
Marc Mortellaro





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Judelka Espinal-Veras
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Debra Falcon



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Gamal Gomaa
Darleny Gonzalez
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Robin Perez
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Pamela Ruvalo



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Kristie Shea
Marilyn Smith
Victor Sohm



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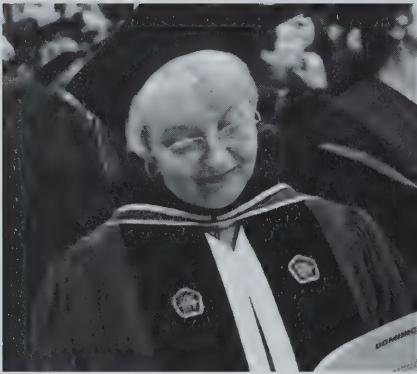


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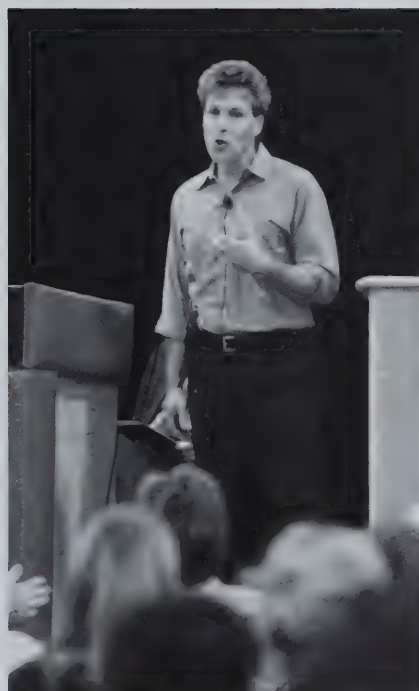


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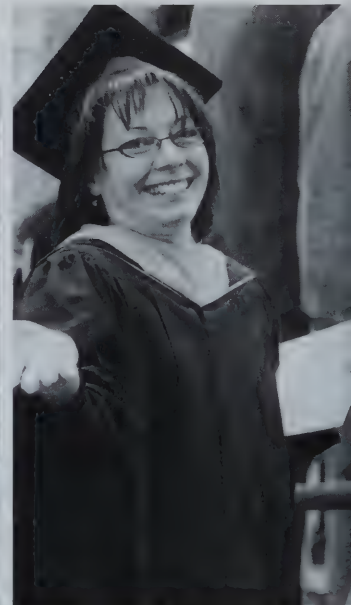
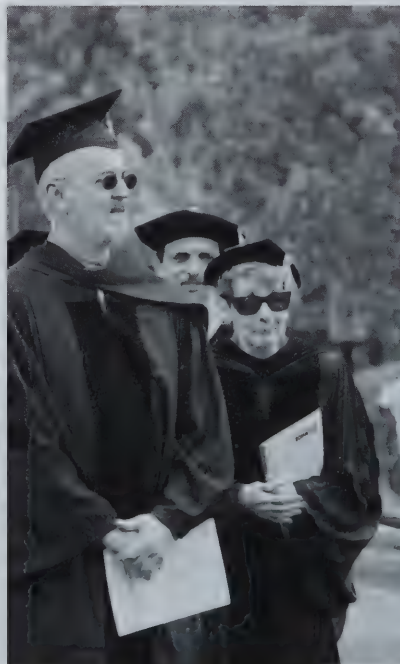
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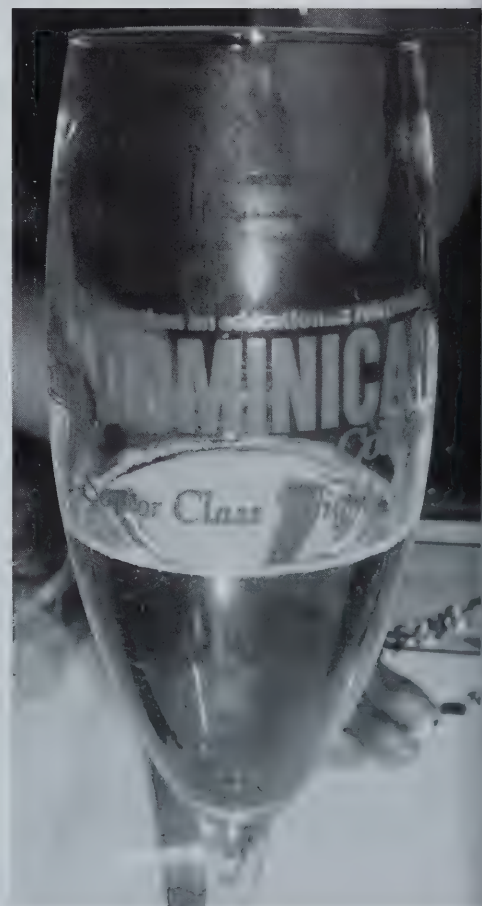
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-J.

Krishnamurti



Congratulations Class of 2009



The celebration began for the proud members of the Class of 2009 as the Commencement Ceremony concluded. The red carpet that led them to their seats, now lead them to take the first step toward the rest of their lives.



Dominican's SGA President Victor Woolworth takes some hard earned R & R during Senior Week, reflecting on a year filled with many accomplishments and counting down the days until his Nursing Degree would be in his hands.



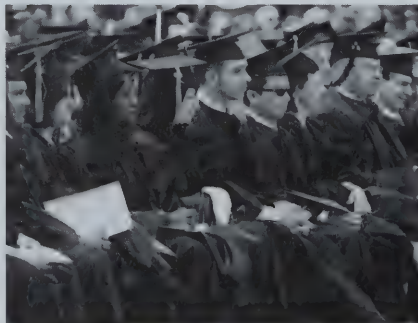
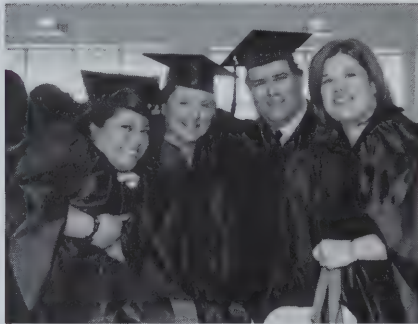
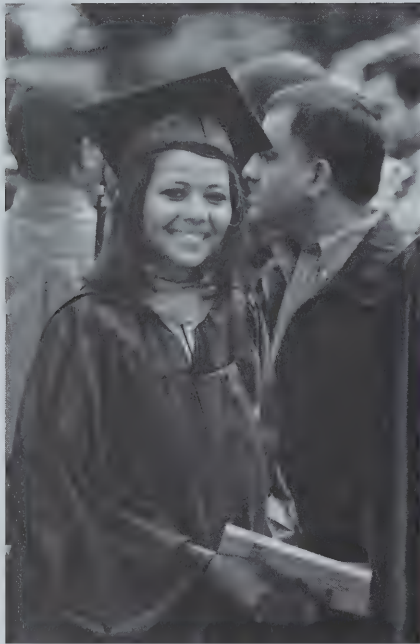
After four long years, the day is finally here! Putting on that cap and gown after all the hard work brings a pride-filled smile to the face of Deja Vann.

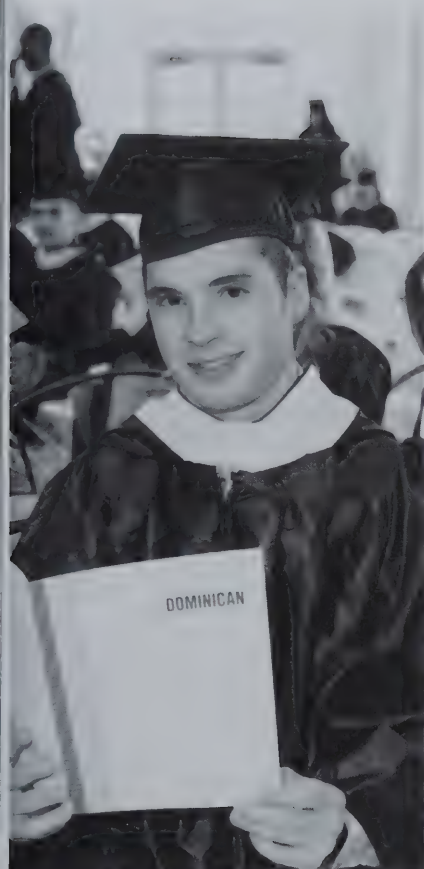
"My mother always told me that the best gift I could ever give her was to graduate college. She did everything possible for me to stay on the right track. These past four years weren't easy and she stood by my side that whole time. Through the good and the bad times, she was always there.

When graduation day came, I told her that I couldn't have done it without her. She said 'My son, you did it!' Right there, I knew she was the happiest mother in the world. And as I saw her cry, I knew they were tears of joy. It was a moment I will never forget

This is why I would like to thank my mother for giving me the strength and motivation to succeed. Thanks mom, this was for you!"

--Carlos Tovar (pictured above)

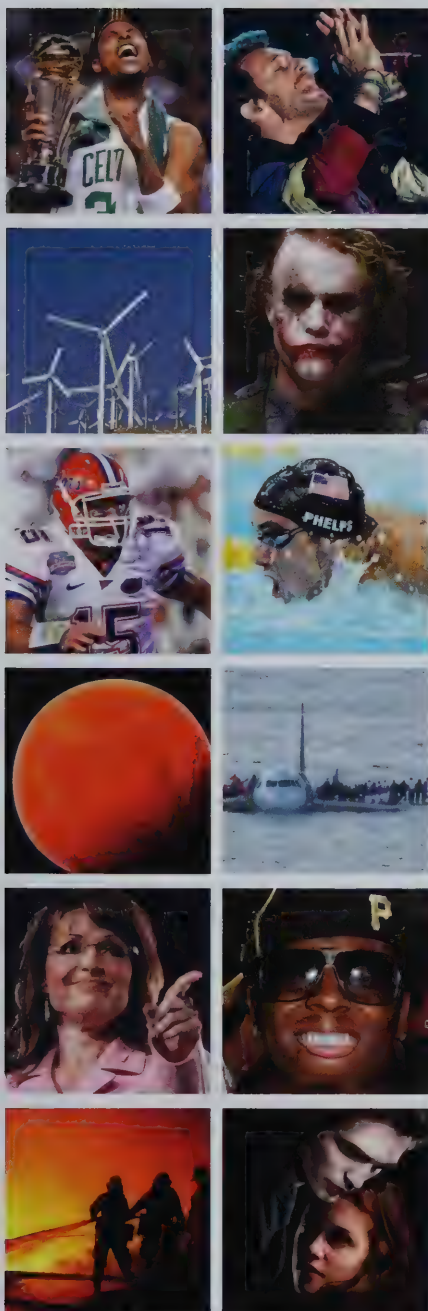




Thanks for the Memories



Dominican College Class of 2009

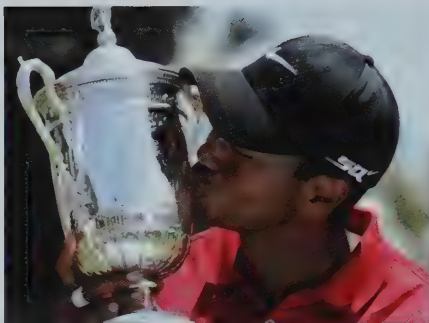


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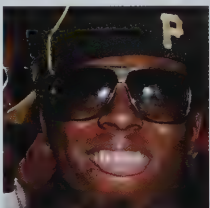
WORLD YEARBOOK

 HERFF JONES

TIGER WOODS won his third U.S. Open title at Torrey Pines, outlasting Rocco Mediate on the 19th hole of a play-off. **BILL GATES**, Microsoft's chairman and largest shareholder, marked the unofficial end of his career, "retiring" to spend more time guiding his charitable foundation. **NASA's** space shuttle Discovery landed safely in Florida after delivering a new Japanese laboratory to the International Space Station.



NEW ORLEANS RAPPER LIL WAYNE grew his fan base with free songs, then sold more than a million copies of "Tha Carter III" in a week, the first album since 2005 to do so.



MIDWESTERN FLOODING caused by severe storms that dropped nearly a foot of rain from Iowa to Michigan and Indiana displaced thousands and left at least eight dead.



A TENNESSEE REPEAT made Coach Pat Summitt's Lady Vols the NCAA champions for a second consecutive year; Candace Parker won back-to-back MVP honors.



OBAMA'S NOMINATION

made history when, on June 3, 2008, Barack Obama finally had what he needed — more than 2,118 delegates — to clinch the Democratic nomination and become the first African-American with a viable chance of winning the United States presidency. Obama, an Illinois senator in office less than four years, and New York senator and former First Lady Hillary Clinton had campaigned from coast to coast for months for the right to face Republican John McCain in the Nov. 4 general election.



2008
JUNE

9/11 SUSPECTS
PUT ON TRIAL

ANA IVANOVIC WINS
FRENCH OPEN



APPLE ANNOUNCES
LESS EXPENSIVE 3G
IPHONE

TOMATO SALMONELLA
OUTBREAK





DETROIT'S STANLEY CUP win over the Pittsburgh Penguins in Game 6 of the finals brought the National Hockey League title to the Motor City for the fourth time in 11 years. **THE BOSTON CELTICS** won their 17th NBA championship title by the largest margin ever, trouncing the L.A. Lakers by 39 points in the final game of the playoffs.



2008 WHAT YOU WERE READING

BLOGS

WWW.MASHABLE.COM
MADIE: BROOKLYNVEGAN.COM
TIDY: TIDY.ORG/GRIMMOOD.COM
SHUTTL: CONSUMEVIEWST.COM
BWW: THEHUFFINGTONPOST.COM
OWEN: TREEHUGGER.COM
MAGN: TELEVISIONWITHNOFITY.COM
POLITICAL: DAILYVOX.COM

BOOKS

BREAKING DAWN: MEYER
TWILIGHT: MEYER
A NEW EARTH: TOLLE
THE LAST LECTURE: FRASCH
NEW MOON: MEYER
ECLIPSE: MEYER
THE SHACK: YOUNG
TALES OF BEEBLE THE BARD: ROWLING
BRISQIN: PADLIN
EAT, PRAY, LOVE: GILBERT

WWW.ENTERTAINMENTWEEKLY.COM

MADE PRIDE CASE
NEW DISCOVERY

BY APRIL 15
MARTIN MALLAN



ROBERT M. CARE
JOHN A. TIGER
TERMINAL PRESIDENT
OF ZIMBABWE

TROPICAL STORM
BETH: AKA THE
HURRICANE HAVEN

JULY

"THE DARK KNIGHT,"

a sequel to Christopher Nolan's "Batman Begins," shattered box office records with its July release. In just 10 days, the superhero thriller brought in more than \$300 million at the box office, eclipsing the mark held by "Dead Man's Chest" by nearly a week. Filmed in Chicago, the movie's special effects, musical scores and viral marketing added to its allure and mystique. "The Dark Knight" was nominated for eight Academy Awards, including a posthumous nod for Heath Ledger (for Best Supporting Actor as the Joker). Attempting to enhance its Oscar-winning chances and to surpass \$1 billion in worldwide gross, the film was re-released on Jan. 23, 2009.

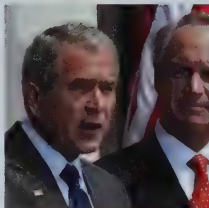
TOUR DE FRANCE

winner Carlos Sastre wore the leader's famed yellow jersey on the final day of the three-week race. The Spaniard won the 95th title by just 58 seconds.



PRESIDENT BUSH's

noted July legislation included lifting a 17-year ban on off-shore drilling and signing a rescue bill into law, hoping to bolster the sagging housing market.



STARBUCKS ANNOUNCES

CLOSINGS of as many as 600 U.S. stores. After years of aggressive growth, the world's largest coffee chain announced cutbacks.



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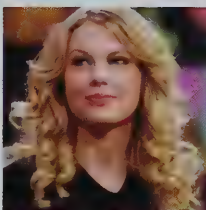
VENUS WILLIAMS defeated sister Serena to win her fifth Wimbledon singles title. The pair beat Lisa Raymond of the U.S. and Samantha Stosur of Australia for the doubles crown.



THE JONAS BROTHERS had a busy summer with the release of both the album "A Little Bit Longer" and their Disney movie "Camp Rock" plus a 46-show tour.



JULY WILDFIRES threatened property across California as firefighters in the Sacramento and Big Sur areas battled flames in 100-degree weather.



TAYLOR SWIFT was the biggest selling artist of 2008, selling more than four million albums. She also performed with Def Leppard in a CMT "Crossroads" episode.

TOP TEN FILMS OF 2008

1. THE DARK KNIGHT
2. IRON MAN
3. HANCOCK
4. WALLE
5. WANTED
6. SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PARTS 2
7. STEP BROTHERS
8. MAMMA MIA!
9. INDIANA JONES AND THE KINGDOM OF THE CRYSTAL SKULL
10. HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3

SOURCE: STEVE KATZ FOR EW.COM



MORE BABIES joined the family of Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie in July when twins Knox Leon and Vivienne Marcheline were born in France. In addition to their family responsibilities and charitable work, the pair had a productive year careerwise with both "Changeling" and "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button" receiving box office and critical acclaim.



HURRICANE IKES
GULF OF MEXICO
SEPT. 13-14

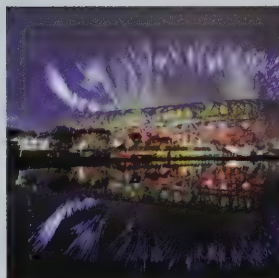
RUSSIA BOMBS
GEORGIA



SNOW AND RAIN
AFTER A HOT
SUMMER

OPENING CEREMONY preparations of nearly seven years culminated in an extravaganza featuring more than 14,000 performers.

BERNIE MAC'S DEATH saddened fans of the 50-year-old Chicago comedian/actor.



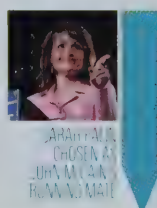
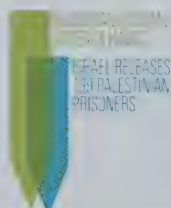
THE OLYMPICS meant national pride, athletic competition, pageantry and more. More than 10,000 athletes competed in 300-plus events in 28 sports at 31 competitive venues, many of which had been constructed specifically for the Olympics. An estimated 6.8 million tickets were sold for the various competitions, and the Beijing Olympics was officially the most-watched television event of all time. Through 16 days of coverage, 211 million viewers tuned in to the Olympics on NBC. Among the American success stories were Kerri Walsh and Misty May-Treanor's consecutive golds in beach volleyball, the gold won by U.S. men's basketball team after a disappointing bronze in Athens and swimmer Michael Phelps' eight golds, which brought his lifetime total to 14 Olympic golds.



OLYMPIC MEDALS



■ WHITE ARROWS ■ SILVER MEDALS ■ GOLD MEDALS



ISRAEL RELEASES
131 PALESTINIAN
PRISONERS



ARMED AND
DANGEROUS
JUNIOR
MILITARY

SEPTEMBER



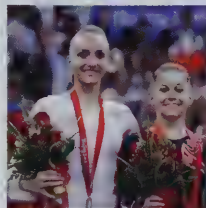
REPUBLICAN JOHN MCCAIN accepted the presidential nomination saying, "Change is coming." The former POW had been an Arizona senator for more than 20 years.



TV/MOVIES IN 3-D



ROGER FEDERER won his fifth U.S. Open crown after losses in the finals of both the French Open and Wimbledon to top-ranked/gold medalist Rafael Nadal of Spain.



U.S. OLYMPIC GYMNASTS won the team silver medal with Nastia Liukin and Shawn Johnson collecting an additional pair of golds, four more silvers and a bronze.

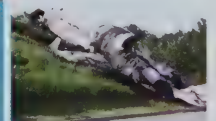


THE FASTEST MAN EVER. Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt set a new world record (9.69 seconds!) en route to his Olympic gold medal in the 100-meter dash in Beijing.

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CRASH IN THE
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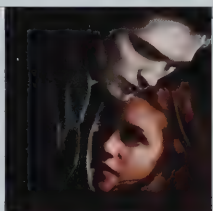


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NINTENDO WII FIT allowed millions of users to do virtual yoga, strength training, aerobics and balance games. **U.S. TROOPS** remained in Iraq after more than five years at war in the Middle East, but combat casualties were down significantly and only four coalition countries' troops remained. Fewer than 150,000 U.S., U.K., Australian and Romanian troops remained on Iraqi soil.



TWILIGHT, the first in a series of romantic/vampire fantasy novels, exceeded expectations at the box office, prompting immediate discussion of additional adaptations.



WIND FARMS continued to spring up at a record pace in 2008 as Americans sought cost-effective sources for zero-emission power. Texas, Iowa and California led production.



GUITAR HERO AND ROCK BAND continued their battle for virtual musicians: with 4 million units sold (to Guitar Hero's 23 million), Rock Band included drummers.



GOVERNMENT BAILOUTS

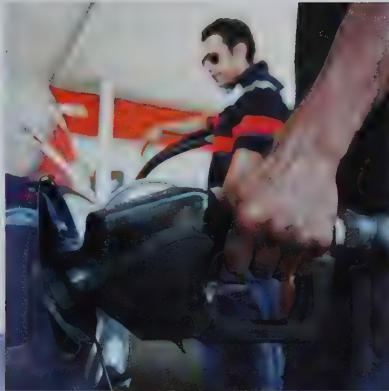
were back in the news for the first time since the terrorist attacks of 9/11 crippled the already-ailing airline industry. Beginning with a \$30 million assist in the March acquisition of financial giant Bear Stearns by JP Morgan Chase, a series of federal aid bills aimed at preventing collapses of myriad finance and investment businesses were signed into effect. In October, President George Bush signed a \$700 billion financial bailout package which would allow the government to start buying up troubled assets from financial institutions caught in the home foreclosure epidemic.



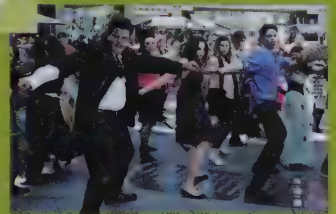
BACK TO BACK
OUTSTANDING COMEDY
SERIES EMMYS GO TO
NBC'S 30 ROCK



DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE
BARACK OBAMA RAISED \$150 MILLION IN
SEPTEMBER, SETTING A RECORD FOR THE
MOST RAISED IN ONE MONTH



WORLD SERIES RAIN DELAYS caused a two-day wait for the Philadelphia Phillies, who eventually won their first title since 1980, beating the Tampa Bay Rays 4-3 in five games. **HURRICANE AFFECTS GAS PRICES** in the Southeast as shortages caused lines and lengthy waits for gas costing nearly \$5 a gallon following Hurricane Ike which caused damage in oil fields, pipelines and coastal properties.



WORLD RECORD THRILLER


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POLLING DAY lines were the talk of the nation. While many states allowed for early voting, the "unprecedented turnout" meant long lines and waits of many hours.



CELEBRATING IN GRANT PARK was a logical conclusion for hundreds of thousands of Chicago residents who gathered to hear the victory speech. The party on "Chicago's front lawn" featured six spotlights piercing the nighttime sky and nine Jumbotrons on which CNN's Wolf Blitzer projected Obama's victory shortly after 10 p.m.

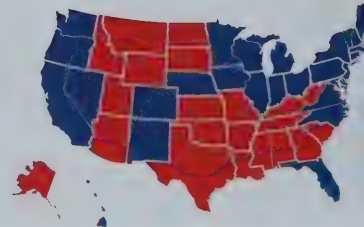


2008 ELECTION RESULTS

POPULAR VOTE
OBAMA-66,882,230
McCAIN-58,343,671

ELECTORAL COLLEGE
OBAMA 365
McCAIN 173

270 to win



JAPANESE MONKEY YAT
CHINA, MAKES NEWS AS A
BLACK BELT KARATE AND
A GOOD WRESTLER
WINNER'S RESTAURANT



THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY INCREASED ITS MAJORITY IN THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, CAPTURING AT LEAST SIX SENATE SEATS FROM THE REPUBLICAN PARTY AND EXCEEDING THE 218 SEATS NEEDED FOR A MAJORITY IN THE HOUSE

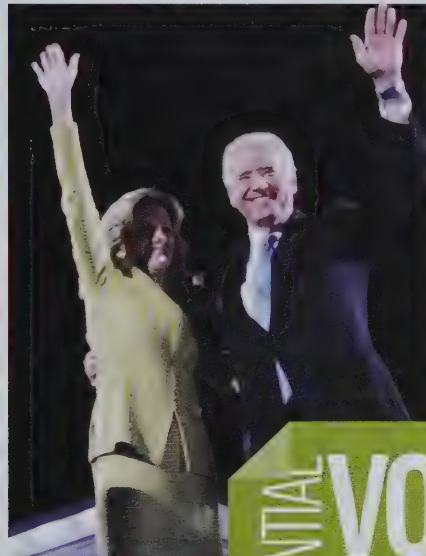
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VICTORY SPEECH

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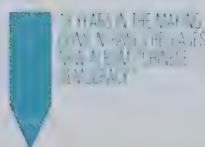
by his wife Michelle and daughters Sasha (7) and Malia (10), Obama addressed the more than 250,000 gathered in Grant Park and millions more who watched on television. "If there is anyone out there who still doubts that America is a place where all things are possible; who still wonders if the dream of our founders is alive in our time; who still questions the power of our democracy, tonight is your answer," he said. Vice President-elect Joe Biden and his wife Jill shared the stage.



SHEPARD FAIREY's collage portrait of Obama became a popular poster and T-shirt during the campaign. Before Inauguration Day, the piece by the L.A. street artist also hung in the National Portrait Gallery. **GLOBAL REACTION** generally favorable; world leaders and random citizens voiced support for Obama in media worldwide.

INFLUENTIAL VOTING ISSUES

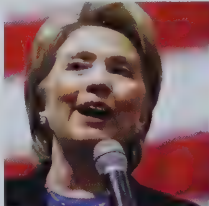
GAS PRICES 46.2%
ECONOMY 37.5%
ENVIRONMENT 30.1%
EDUCATION 24.2%
IRAQ 22.1%
HEALTH CARE 20.5%
TAXES 17.2%



THE LARGEST DINOSAUR FOSSIL FIELD

EVER was discovered in China this year. Paleontologists announced in December that more than 7,600 fossils, including a skull measuring two meters, were uncovered.

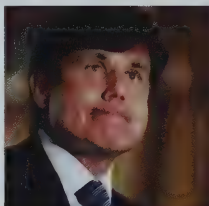
HILLARY CLINTON, once his opponent for the presidential nomination, was later selected by President-elect Barack Obama to serve as Secretary of State.



F-18 CRASHES INTO A NEIGHBORHOOD in San Diego en route to a nearby Marine base after a training exercise; the accident killed three residents of one home.



ROD BLAGOJEVICH, governor of Illinois, was charged with corruption after conspiring to obtain personal gain in filling Obama's vacated seat in the Senate.



COLDPLAY'S CHRIS MARTIN, who was accused of plagiarism by guitarist Joe Satriani, won three Grammys, including Song of the Year for "Viva la Vida."



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LY AND RECALL ALL
POLY-POLY PRODUCTS
AFTER THE DISCOVERY OF
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SHOOT A TEENAGE FIE THROWING
STONES AT POLY



THE WHITE HOUSE AND U.S.
CONGRES A RECALLING
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AUTOMOBILES

DECEMBER

LEAN HOLIDAY SALES

reflected the struggling economy. A decrease of 1.5-2% in both November and December was the first since 1969, when such records originated. On the other hand, discount stores such as Target, Costco and Walmart were less affected and Amazon declared the 2008 holiday season its "best ever," selling more than 6.3 million items worldwide on Dec. 15, its peak day, amounting to "a record-breaking 72.9 items per second."



RUINS OF A CITY from the Wari culture were discovered in northern Peru, providing the "missing link" between two ancient civilizations. **A NEW ENGLAND ICE STORM** left nearly a million homes and businesses without electricity. The powerful storm's heavy rains, cold temperatures and high winds wreaked havoc on the region.

2008 TOP iTunes DOWNLOADS

TRACKS

1. LEONA LEWIS - BLEEDING LOVE
2. COLDPLAY - VIVA LA VIDA
3. FLO RIDA - LOW
4. KATY PERRY - I MISSED A GIRL
5. RIHANNA - DISTURBIA
6. LIL WAYNE - LOLLIPOP
7. JORDAN SPARKS - NO AIN
8. NATASHA BEEHONEY - POCKETFUL OF SUGAR
9. SARAH BAREILLE - LOVE SONG
10. RIHANNA - DON'T STOP THE MUSIC

ALBUMS

1. COLDPLAY - VIVA LA VIDA
2. JACOB JOHNSON - SLEEP THROUGH THE STATIC
3. JUNG - SOUNDTRACK
4. LIL WAYNE - THA CARTER III
5. SARAH BAREILLE - LITTLE VOICE
6. ONCE - SOUNDTRACK
7. JASON MRAZ - WE SING, WE DANCE, WE STEAL
8. ONEREPUBLIC - DREAMING OUTLOUD
9. ACROSS THE UNIVERSE - SOUNDTRACK
10. LEONA LEWIS - SPIRIT



THE NEW YORK TIMES
REPORTER
AND
AUTHOR
OF
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THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA GATORS won their second BCS championship title with a 24-14 victory over second-ranked Oklahoma.

Gator QB Tim Tebow threw for 231 yards and rushed for another 109 yards. **A SOLAR ECLIPSE**, the year's first, occurred on Jan. 26 and was visible from southern Africa to Australia, Southeast Asia and Indonesia. The 2009 calendar also showed four lunar eclipses and a total solar eclipse in July.

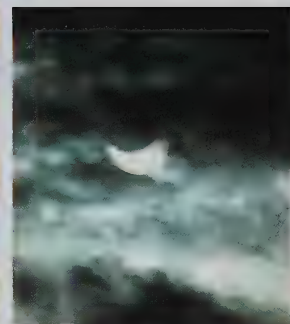
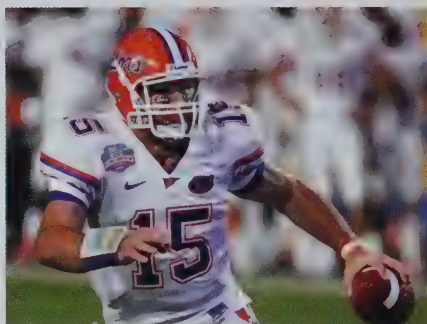
"24" RETURNS TO FOX for a seventh season after a hiatus of nearly 20 months. The award-winning drama was nominated for 57 Emmys in its first six seasons.



THE SECOND ANNUAL NHL WINTER CLASSIC, played outside at Chicago's Wrigley Field on Jan. 1, ended with the Detroit Red Wings beating the Blackhawks 6-4.



AN AL FRANKEN VICTORY was declared on Jan. 5, after nearly eight weeks of recounts and appeals. Incumbent Minnesota Senator Norm Coleman announced his appeal.



A MIRACLE ON THE HUDSON

allowed all 155 aboard US

Airways Flight #1549 to escape safely after the Airbus A320 struck a flock of birds during a LaGuardia take-off for Charlotte, NC. Veteran pilot Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger guided the jetliner over New York City without engines and landed it in the Hudson River, where passengers waited on the wings and in rafts to be rescued from the frigid waters by ferries and Coast Guard vessels.

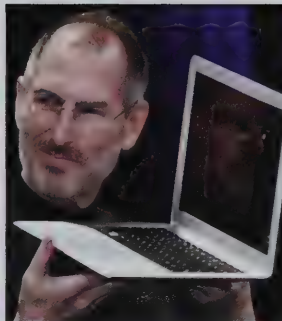
2009
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TEXTING AFTER
DINNER BY PARENTS

BANK OF
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INDIANAPOLIS COLTS'
TONY DUNGY
RETIRES FROM
COACHING FOOTBALL

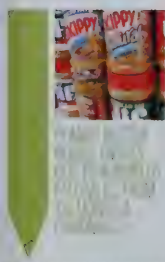


"LOST" RETURNS TO ABC with unresolved mysteries and many questions. The fifth season of the award-winning drama opened in January attracting more than 12.2 million viewers. **APPLE CEO STEVE JOBS** announced a leave of absence in January, citing health reasons. Jobs asked COO Tim Cook to take the reins through June, when he planned to return. **PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA** and his wife Michelle greet the public on Inauguration Day.

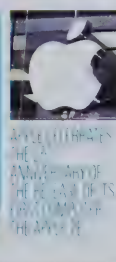


BY THE NUMBERS
INAUGURATION DAY

\$150 MILLION <small>THE TOTAL COST OF THE INAUGURATION CEREMONIES</small>	60 <small>MINUTES</small>	4,000 <small>PEOPLE</small>	112 <small>TELEVISION STATIONS</small>
25,500 <small>PEOPLE</small>	10 <small>MINUTES</small>	TWO MILLION <small>PEOPLE</small>	112 <small>TELEVISION STATIONS</small>



PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH BIDS FAREWELL TO THE U.S. IN A 1 P.M. TV TELEVIEWED ADDRESS



APPLE INTRODUCES THE 1.5 MILLION-PIXEL iMac G4

THE STEEL CURTAIN

's historic sixth Super Bowl victory in Tampa once again Pittsburgh bragging rights as the Steelers beat the Arizona Cardinals 27-23 with a last-minute touchdown by I Antonio Holmes. The Steelers won their second Super Bowl in four seasons after a game-ending seesaw that included a 64-yard Arizona TD by All-Pro Larry Fitzgerald with just 2:37 remain

USS GEORGE H.W. BUSH, a

new Navy aircraft carrier, was commissioned in honor of the 84-year old 41st president and decorated WWII Navy pilot in January.



LAST EPISODE OF "THE LATE SHOW" with Conan

O'Brien was Feb. 20 and Jimmy Fallon took over as host March 2. In June, O'Brien replaces Jay Leno as Tonight Show host.



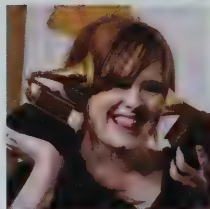
LIFE ON MARS

was considered a possibility after European space scientists found ice packs near the planet's surface and higher atmospheric methane levels.



BRITISH SINGER ADELE

won the Grammy for Best new artist. The 20-year old vocalist also won Best Female Pop Vocal Performance for her hit "Chasing Pavement."

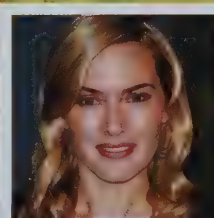
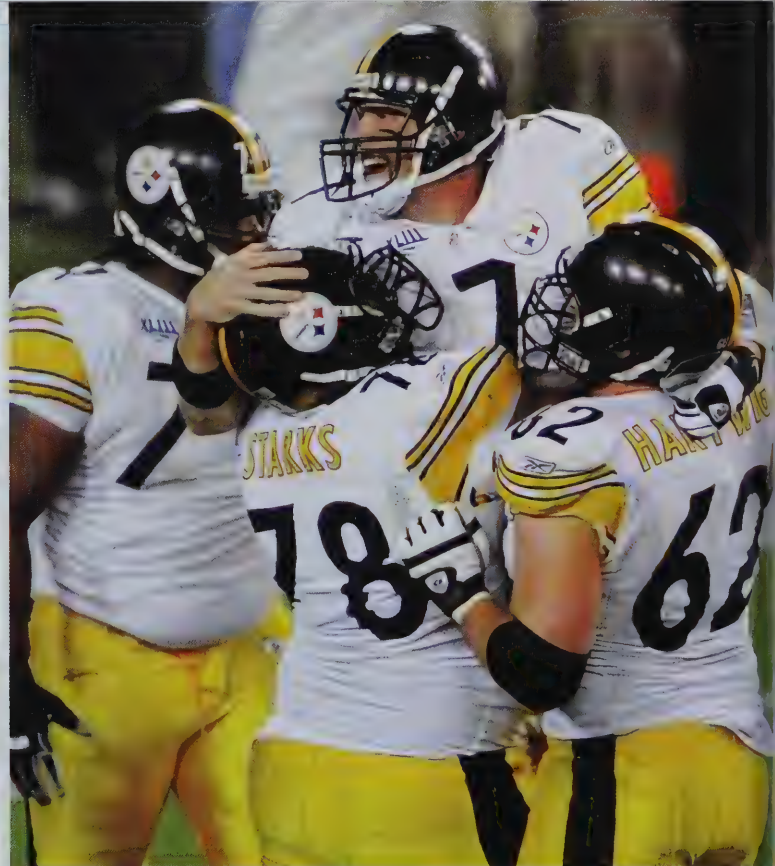


JAPAN'S MOUNT ASAMA

erupted, sending a plume of ash a mile into the sky.

FACEBOOK TURNS FIVE;

with 150 million users, the business is worth more than \$1 billion.



KATE WINSLETT'S TWO GOLDEN GLOBES

as supporting actress in "The Reader" and Actress in "Revolutionary Road" ended a streak of nominations-not-wins at five in both the Golden Globe and Oscar awards. Six weeks later, Winslett won the Best Actress Oscar for "The Reader."

CHINA DECLARES NATIONAL EMERGENCY DUE TO SEVERE DROUGHT

THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF CHARLES DARWIN

AMERICA CELEBRATES ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S 200TH BIRTHDAY

DEADLY PLANE CRASHES NEAR BUFFALO, N.Y.

THE 2009 NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES

THE 81ST ACADEMY AWARDS HELD AT THE LEGENDARY KODAK THEATRE IN LOS ANGELES, CA

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